

COMMENT OF
THE DAY

Tough Going For
The Commies

ALL through the Communist parties, Khrushchev's condemnation of Stalin continues to create bewilderment and confusion—and something near to open dissension and revolt against authority. This is less visible in the Communist-controlled countries, but outside the Iron Curtain there are signs of something like a crisis.

Communist men and women have been so conditioned for years that they find the effort to change all their thinking too painful and too difficult. For years they were taught that Stalin was the final authority on everything; now, suddenly, they are called upon to look on the great master as, at the best, a "deviationist" from Leninism, at the worst, a scoundrel. It is proving too much.

In Britain it is plain this has created something like open schism. Harry Pollitt is doing his best to expound the new line, but William Gallagher, the old stalwart Bolshevik, will have none of it. He is called upon to repudiate Stalin, and he cannot. At Glasgow he boldly declared that "when the tumult and dust subside, the balance will be heavy on the side of Joseph Stalin." And, pointedly, party members have attacked and criticised both the leadership of the British Communist Party and of the Soviet Party. This is something which has never happened in a Communist Party before.

THE same thing, though not so outspokenly, is happening in France, Italy and all other Western Communist Parties. So far the East remains strangely silent. There is no hint, for example, from Peking as to what Mao Tse-tung, who once hailed Stalin as "the great leader of the working people of the whole world, the most esteemed and dearest friend and teacher of the Chinese people" is thinking of him now.

Everywhere Communists are displaying signs of dismay, bewilderment and uncertainty. The foundations of their belief are shaken. They have been taught to rely entirely on leadership; now they have none.

It is not only that they find it hard to accept Khrushchev as a new Red Pope; for the moment at least he repudiates claim to the personal succession. But the "collective leadership" also does not give them any guidance. Even the vital document—the Khrushchev indictment—has not been communicated to them.

THAT can fairly be regarded as another indication that the Soviet leaders, alarmed at the consequences—both internal and external—of their own rashness, are now trying to draw back.

Significantly, when Pravda published an article criticising Stalin and attacking the cult of personality, it did not contain the graver charges of the Khrushchev document.

Thus the new line begins to emerge. It is that all that Khrushchev really meant was that Stalin, being human, had been guilty of mistakes; and that the fact that his successors now admit this is a proof of their own integrity, liberalism and readiness for self-criticism.

All of which would be more convincing if they had explained their own subservience, acknowledged their own errors, and shown more tolerance for dissent among their own subjects.

Britain Criticised, America Too And France As Well WHAT'S WRONG WITH THE WEST

FRANK WORDS FROM M. MOLLET

He Asks For Overhaul Of Foreign Policies

Washington, Apr. 2.

The French Premier, M. Guy Mollet, said in an interview published today that Britain and France and especially the United States had committed "an error of approach" in their policies towards the Soviet Union.

The copyrighted interview was published by U.S. News and World Report, a weekly news magazine.

M. Mollet also complained

that American public opinion

showed a great lack of

understanding of France's

position in North Africa.

Some United States officials

in France have not been

very well and were

responsible for much anti-

American criticism in France

recently.

Each of the Western Big

Three—the United States

above all—"wanders along in

isolation, often in competition

with each other in the economic

battle against the Soviet Union

in the Middle East and Asia."

Mollet's statement of an

error of approach by the West

appeared to support the recent

call of his Foreign Minister, M.

Christian Pineau, for a profound

change in Allied foreign policies.

WHAT HE MEANT

M. Mollet said that in his

investiture speech recently he

declared that these foreign

policies, while remaining the

same, would be oriented

differently.

Explaining what he meant, M.

Mollet said: "The basic principles

of our foreign policy remain the

same."

"We continue the will to

defend liberty wherever it may

be menaced, to make our contri-

bution to that defence and to

hope for the co-operation of

others in that defence. But we

are trying to get our partners in

the Atlantic world to change

their attitude.

"We want to organise that

defence in a better way. The

manner in which the Western

Powers have proceeded in recent

years has not been particularly

happy.

"For example, at the last

Geneva conference, the four

foreign ministers limited the

East-West discussion to three

problems. They said that prob-

lems No 1 and No 2 are the

unification of Germany and

European security, thirdly, they

listed disarmament.

BAD APPROACH

"Our Socialist-led Govern-

ment believes that this approach

was a bad one. That is not just

a Socialist viewpoint. It is a

viewpoint that should be

shared by any government con-

cerned with European unity.

"We do not know if the

Russians want the unification

of Germany. It is even possi-

ble that they do not want it.

"But there is one certainty:

If there is a chance that the

Russians wish to see Germany

unified, that change can only

be really envisaged in the

framework of general world

disarmament.

"It is difficult to envisage re-

unification in a period of rear-

ment, particularly in the

centre of Europe, which for the

Russians transfers itself, de-

spite the very important and

concrete security guarantees

offered them by the West, into

a united Germany, rearmament

entirely integrated into the

Atlantic pact.

"For the Russians, if we make

the effort of putting ourselves in

their place, it is certain that this

is hardly conceivable.

"On the contrary, if we begin

by solving the problem of

general disarmament, the prob-

lem of European security

becomes easier—it is the best

way to solve it. And, within the

framework of security, the

unification of Germany becomes

easier to achieve."

Asked if he thought that, after

a general disarmament agree-

ment had been reached, West

Germany no longer would be a

member of the North Atlantic

Treaty Organisation, M. Mollet

replied it was not a question

of asking that Germany should

cease to belong to a security

organisation.

He referred to the Anglo-

French disarmament plan pre-

sented at the current London

talks with the Soviet Union

and said that once the first

stages of this plan had been

completed, international negoti-

ation then could well lead to

the Soviet Union's acceptance

of free elections in Germany.

"Following these negotiations,

the status of Germany in re-

lation to the security

organisations might be chang-

ed," he added.

ONE THING CLEAR

"I do not say that this

implies a renunciation by

Germany of membership in

NATO."

"But, of course, it would

become possible. One should

not pretend at the present

moment to determine right now

what the future status of

Germany will be."

"But one thing is clear. It

will be easier to integrate

Germany, unified or not, into

Europe—economically, socially

and perhaps even politically—

if it is envisaged in the

framework of disarmament."

M. Mollet said that Soviet

trade and aid offers in the Middle

East and Asia had caused a

profound impression in those

areas.

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as terrible colonialists, despite

what we have distributed.

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KING'S PRINCESS

LAST 2 DAYS



NEXT CHANGE



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FIRST TEN WINNERS

Amy Ong, P. S. Chellaram, Chan Chiu, Ali Khan, Eleanor Abbas, Molly Abbas, F. Ramchand, Susie So, Sherifer Khan, Leung Fook.

SECOND TEN WINNERS

Kishoo T. Sathyan, Joseph Poon, The Kai Yip, Miss E. M. do Rosario, Ang Ping Kwan, Lai Kam Tao, Choy Chun Wai, Mak Shan Tai, Ng Fins Keng, Chan Sik Chui.

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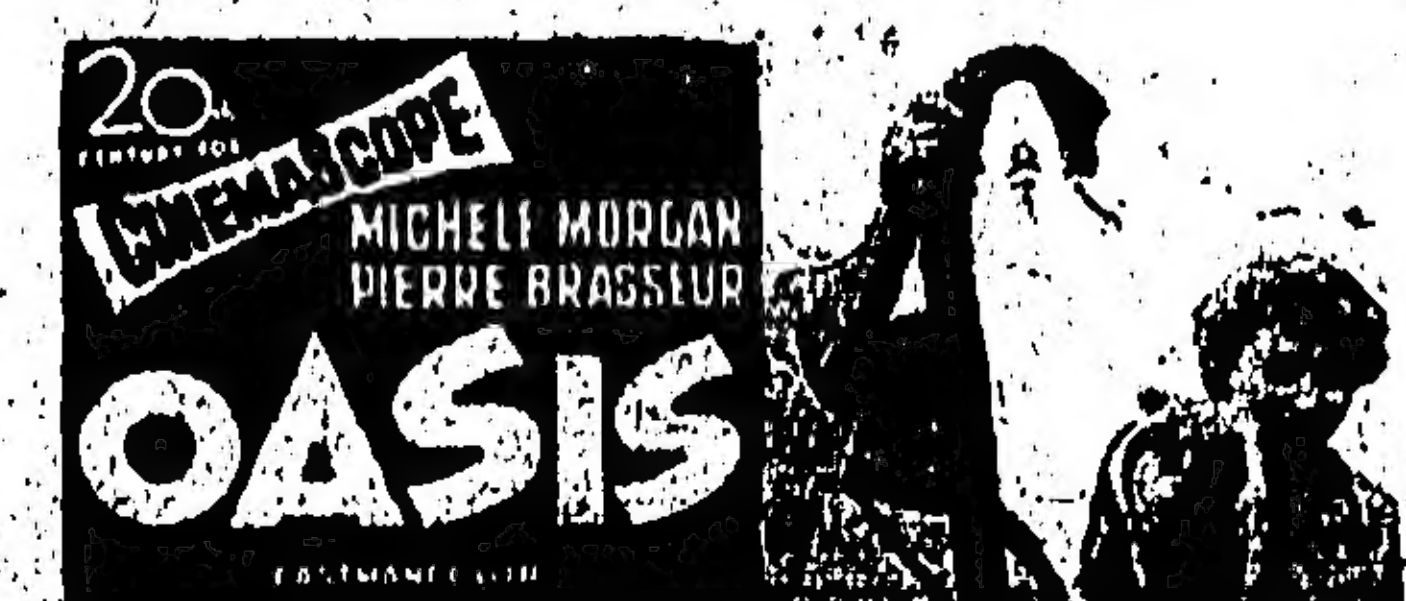
1. FIGHTER "THE CHAMPION"
2. DETECTIVE "DETECTIVE STORY"
3. DIRECTOR "THE BAD AND THE BEAUTIFUL"
4. JUGGLER "THE JUGGLER"
5. LOVER "ACT OF LOVE"
6. SOLDIER "ULYSES"
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Winners please apply the Manager of The New York Theatre for their prizes from 5th April, 1956.

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AT 2.30, 5.30, 7.30 & 9.30 P.M.

COMING ATTRACTION



Canada Not Recognising Peking Govt At Present

Rare Book Wedding Present



Gifts Flood Into Monaco For Prince And Grace

Monte Carlo, Apr. 2. WEDDING gifts for the marriage of Prince Rainier III and American film star Miss Grace Kelly were pouring into the principality today, 16 days before the ceremony.

The Consular Corps, representing 27 countries, has brought the couple an 18th century silver serving platter. The Swiss community will present a Neuchâtel clock more than three feet high.

The British community is also presenting a clock, the Greek colony a vanity table, Louis XV style, and the Belgian colony a crystal vase, while the Italian community is giving a 40-piece embroidered table linen set.

It has been reported that the Monaco National Council has ordered a silver coloured Rolls-Royce, but the Council also may give a necklace of diamonds and rubies.

The clergy of Monaco will give Prince Rainier a valuable book (see picture), hand-illustrated by the monks of an abbey in the Tana Department of France, describing the sacraments of marriage.—France-Press and Express Photo.

Scattered Clashes In Algeria

Algiers, Apr. 2.

A total of 17 persons were killed in Algeria during the past 24 hours in scattered clashes between outlaws and security forces and in terrorist attacks, it was reported here today.

Two persons were killed and another 30 seriously injured when a terrorist grenade exploded last night in a cinema in the Tlemcen area of West Algeria.

Weapons Seized

Five terrorists were killed and their weapons seized in a clash between a rebel band and security troops in the Iril All region.

Five others were killed when security forces surprised outlaw groups in the act of organising sabotage.

Three terrorists were killed in other scattered clashes, while three Algerians were assassinated by rebels in the Kabylia region.

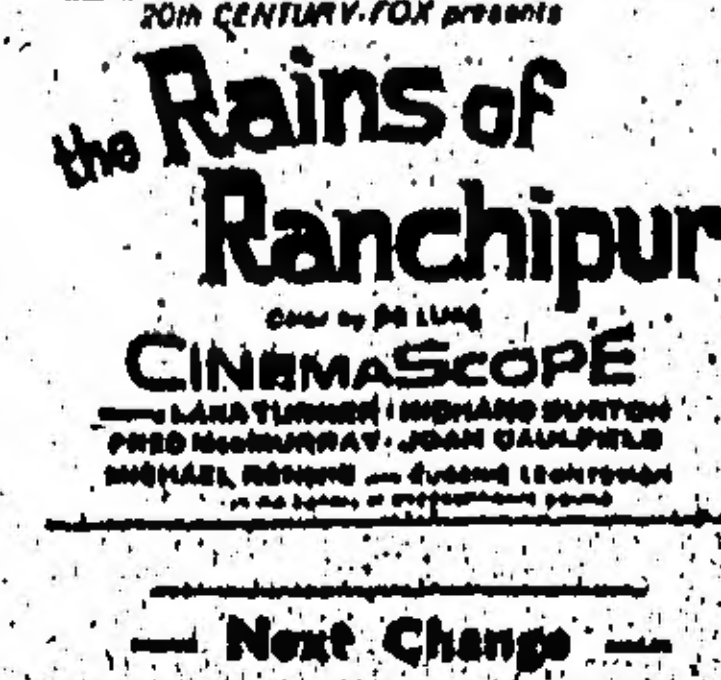
One French soldier was killed during the day's action. A jeep driver was killed when an army convoy was ambushed by out-

Former North China Bishop Dies In UK

London, Apr. 2.

The former Anglican Bishop in North China, Thomas Arnold Scott, died at his home in France Lynch, Gloucestershire, last night, it was learned here today.

The Reverend Scott was Bishop in North China from 1940 to 1950 after over three decades of missionary work in the Far East.—France-Press.



Ottawa, Apr. 2. Canada's policy of recognising the Peking regime eventually—but not now—remains unchanged, an External Affairs Department spokesman said today.

An official statement from the Department said that neither Prime Minister Louis St Laurent nor External Affairs Minister Lester B. Pearson gave any suggestion of a change in Canada's position on the question when they conferred last week with US Secretary of State John Foster Dulles.

The Canadian policy, the statement said, "remains as stated in the House of Commons on January 31." At that time, Mr Pearson said during a general review of international conditions:

"We feel that the careful policy we have been following, and are still following, has been the right one; rejecting on the one hand immediate diplomatic recognition but rejecting on the other hand the view that a Communist regime in Peking can never be recognised as the Government of China."

Difficult Position

Mr James Reston, chief of the New York Times bureau in Washington, reported on Saturday that Mr Pearson had raised the question of Chinese recognition during the White Sulphur Springs "summit" conference of the leaders and Foreign Ministers of Canada, the United States, and Mexico.

Mr Reston reported that Mr Pearson had told President Eisenhower and Mr Dulles that it was becoming increasingly difficult for the Canadian Government to go along with the policy of recognising Chiang Kai-shek's Government on Formosa as the sole legitimate Government of China.

According to the statement issued by Mr Pearson's office, the Canadian Foreign Minister did not discuss China recognition at the White Sulphur Springs conference.

The US position was outlined at the conference in connection with the report which Mr Dulles made of his recent journey to Asia which included Formosa, the External Affairs Department said. It made no mention of a Canadian reply to Mr Dulles' report. Mr Pearson stated that there was nothing said by the Prime Minister or himself which "suggested any change of Canadian policy on this matter," the External Affairs Department said.

Controlling Government

In his policy speech in the Commons, Mr Pearson emphasised that the Communists were in fact the controlling government of the mainland of China, and the Chiang Kai-shek Government was only effective on the island of Formosa.

Canadian recognition of the Peking Government, "even if it were to be granted at some time in the future," would not extend to Formosa, Mr Pearson said. In Canada's opinion, the legal status of Formosa, whether it is legally a part of China or not, is unprejudiced.

"No step taken vis-a-vis the Communist regime could prejudice that issue," Mr Pearson said.

Not A Party

"In particular, we would not be a party to any action which handed over the people or the Government on Formosa, against their will, to any mainland government, let alone to a Communist government." —United Press.

Living In Realm Of Fancy



NEHRU

Karachi, Apr. 2. A Pakistan Foreign Office spokesman tonight described as "completely and utterly untrue" today's statement by Mr Nehru, the Indian Prime Minister, that "large military bases" in Pakistan and Kashmir ringed India.

The spokesman said there was no such military base in Azad Kashmir, nor in northern territories or anywhere else in Pakistan.

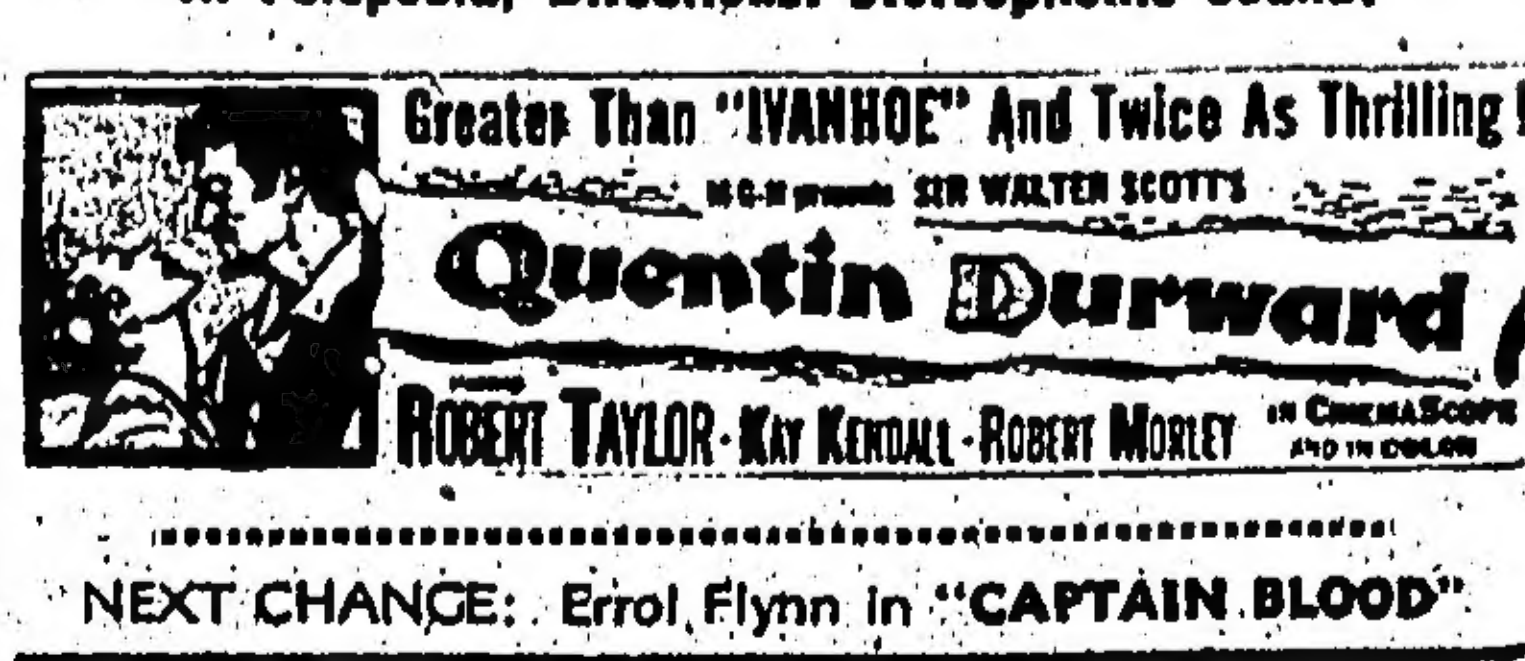
Mr Nehru seemed to be "living in a realm of fancy," he added.—Reuter.

Washington, Apr. 2. The rate of child bearing by American women rose about 11 1/2 per cent between 1950 and 1954, the US Census Bureau reported.

The Bureau said the increase in fertility was a cardinal factor in the big population gains of recent years.

The rise was mainly among women aged 20 to 30.—China Mail Special.

SHOWING TO-DAY
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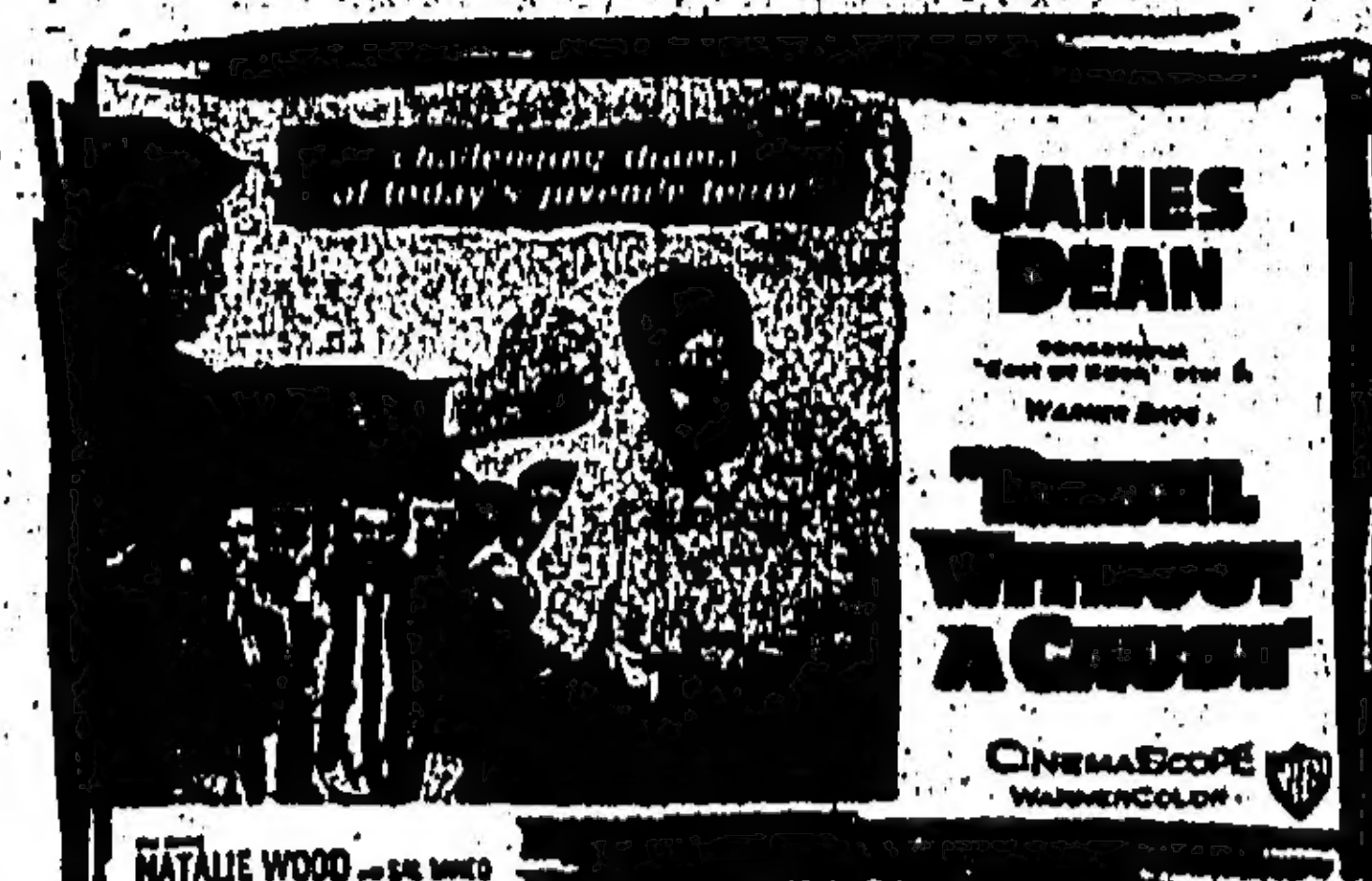


NEXT CHANGE: Errol Flynn in "CAPTAIN BLOOD"

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FINAL SHOWING TO-DAY
AT 2.30, 5.30, 7.30 & 9.30 p.m.TO-MORROW
"RIVER OF NO RETURN"TO-MORROW MORNING
SHOW AT 12.30 P.M.
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TECHNICOLOR CARTOONSFINAL TO-DAY
AT 2.30, 5.30, 7.30
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GUY MADISON
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PROGRAMME"To-morrow Morning Show
"JOHNNY DARK"TO-NIGHT
AT 8.30 P.M.

Lee Wing Wah (Shaohsin Opera)
"THE ROMANCE OF THE WESTERN CHAMBER"
(記廟西)
Admissions: \$1.70, \$2.40, \$3.50, \$4.70 & \$6

PRECIOUS
DROPS
FOR
PRECIOUS
MOMENTS.CHERRY
HEERING

Prosecutor Clears Names In Georgia

In Brazil Reds Struggle For Power

Rio de Janeiro, Apr. 2. — THE anti-Stalin campaign launched in the Soviet Union has led to a renewed struggle for power within the underground Brazilian Communist Party, according to informed sources here today.

The sources said that a struggle was underway to remove Luis Carlos Prestes as Secretary-General of the Party, a post he had held since 1930.

He would be replaced by either Jose Maria Crispim, who has on several occasions criticised Prestes' "one-man rule" or Diogenes de Arruda, an influential Party member.

The Brazilian Communist Party, which is outlawed, was reported to have held several secret meetings recently to discuss the latest developments in the Soviet Union.

Prestes, who is wanted by the police, is believed to have fled to Europe.—France-Press.

Journalist Ordered From Russia

New York, Apr. 2. — The Associated Press news agency issued the following statement from Stockholm tonight:

Richard K. O'Malley, Associated Press Chief of Bureau in Moscow, was given seven days to leave the Soviet Union after being charged with illegal currency transactions.

He arrived in Stockholm on Sunday.

O'Malley was called to the Press Department of the Soviet Foreign Office on March 28. Leonid F. Ilyichev, Chief of the Soviet Press Department, read the following statement to him:

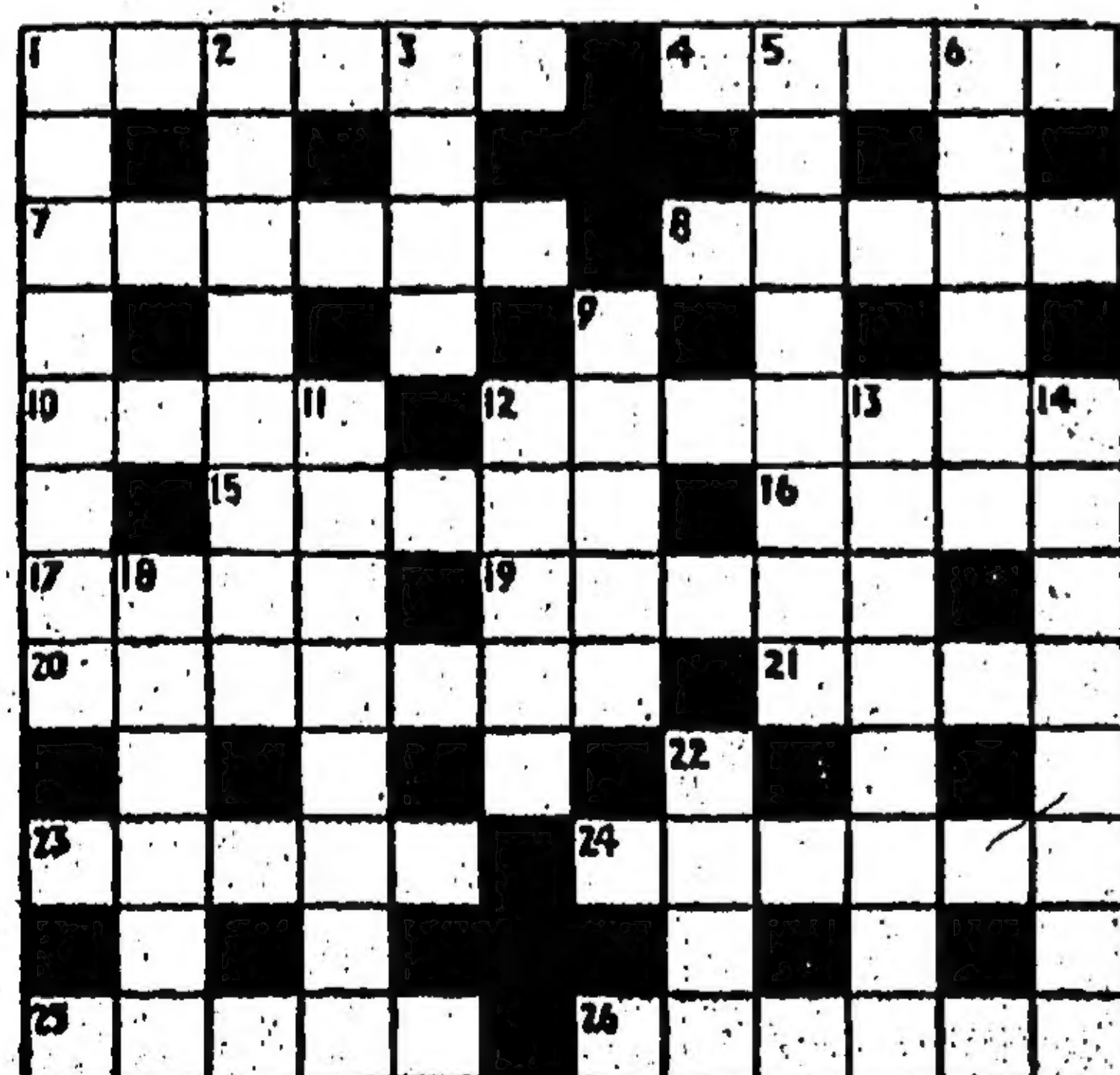
PREPARED CHARGES

"The Soviet Criminal Police has prepared charges against you of illegal currency transactions. This is a criminal offence punishable by a prison term.

"The Soviet Government is not interested in seeing this case brought to trial. Therefore, you have seven days in which to leave the territory of the Soviet Union, this time will not be extended. I have nothing further to add."

O'Malley said Ilyichev declined to give details or specifications of the charges.—Reuters.

A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS**
- Dreary (6).
 - Twirl (5).
 - Colour (6).
 - Cook (5).
 - Tear (4).
 - Take away from (7).
 - Sent (5).
 - Past (4).
 - Declant (4).
 - Clan (5).
 - Demureness (7).
 - Ireland (4).
 - Injure (5).
 - Want eagerly (6).
 - Coin (5).
 - Likeness (6).
- DOWN**
- Reverie (6).
 - Quintessence (8).
 - Eager (4).
 - Piece of furniture (8).
 - Console (6).
 - Joyous (5).
 - Menace (6).
 - The same (5).
 - Ward-off (5).
 - Gowgows (8).
 - Book (6).
 - Period (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 3. Earnings, 6. Decamp, 9. Petulant, 11. Conceded, 12. Feet, 13. Bepot, 19. Renew, 19. Again, 22. Dispersed, 24. Alliance, 25. Ardour, 26. Arranged. Down: 1. Edict, 2. Seize, 3. Emperor, 4. Apeel, 5. Nouns, 6. Neared, 7. Gentle, 10. Tendon, 14. Baffle, 15. Thompson, 16. Broken, 17. Budget, 20. Answer, 21. Absent, 22. Pairs, 23. Room.

Georgia MANY VICTIMS OF BERIA'S SECRET POLICE

Moscow, Apr. 2.

The Chief Prosecutor of Georgia—Stalin's home state—has reported that many victims of unjust arrest have had their names cleared after an investigation by his department.

Writing on Saturday in the newspaper Dawn of the East, which reached Moscow today, Mr. M. Topuridze, the Prosecutor, quoted Mr. Nikita Khrushchev's public report to the Soviet Communist Party Congress in Moscow for allegations against Beria, former Soviet security chief executed in 1953 for treason.

Mr. Topuridze said: "As a result of the examination and study of cases carried out by organs of the Prosecutor's office, a large number of Soviet citizens have been rehabilitated."

Pravda Article

"These citizens, who worked in organs of the party and in local Soviets (councils) in various branches of the national economy, were victims of arbitrariness and illegality."

The newspaper's readers might be expected to recall last Wednesday's Pravda article criticising Stalin, which was reprinted by Dawn of the East on Thursday.

It laid indirect responsibility on Stalin for the alleged crimes of Beria. It said that Beria was only able to reach a position of power as a result of the mistakes of Stalin and his boasting of the Stalin cult. Beria was also a Georgian.

Mr. Topuridze said an examination carried out by his office disclosed there were numerous cases of violation of the law and infringement of citizens' rights provided for in the Soviet constitution.

The examples he quoted included no more serious case than wrongful arrest for theft, in which the accused confessed to the crime.

Special Attention

Mr. Topuridze said that three policemen guilty of using these methods were dismissed and two of them excluded from the Communist Party. A local prosecutor was also "severely punished."

The State Prosecutor said that there were still too many prosecutors who failed to realise the gravity of wrongful arrest and the "terrible mental wound" it inflicted not only on the

arrested person, but also on his family.

At the same time, he said, there were too many cases of real criminals, hoodlums, thieves and black marketeers getting away with free. He called for special attention to "educational work among youth."—Reuters.

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'WHITEWASHING' IN HUNGARY

Belgrade, Apr. 2. — The rehabilitation of László Rajk, the Hungarian Foreign Minister, who was executed as a traitor in 1949, and other political "whitewashings" in Communist countries are only a beginning, Yugoslav specialists in Communist matters forecast today.

They said that the "clearing of Rajk" by the minor Soviet officials, whose names have been mentioned of late would herald a whole series of rehabilitations in the USSR and the People's Democracies which would have incalculable consequences not only for Eastern Europe, but also for the world as a whole.

The Yugoslav observers regard it as established that the evolution which began after Josef Stalin's death in 1953 was crystallised at last February 20th Communist Party Congress in Moscow.

Induced To Retire

They said that this trend would "fan out" in all directions and in all the countries with powerful Communist parties.

Now that Stalin is a fallen idol, the leaders of most of the Communist parties in the people's democracies and even in non-Communist countries will be induced to retire, the Yugoslav observers stated.

In some cases, the observers said, this will be because they played too important a part in the Communist trials of the past few years. In others, because they were too "Stalinian" to remain for long at the head of parties which they led with methods now superseded.

Not Easy Choice

Even if they now proclaimed the innocence of those they helped to condemn or execute, the Yugoslav observers said, and unreservedly accepted the new policy, it would be surprising if they managed to hold on to responsible posts in the Communist hierarchy.

The choice of new leaders will not be easy in several countries, where executions have decimated the ranks of those capable of leading the Communist Party. The choice of Poland made was significant, the Yugoslav observers pointed out. They replaced the late Boleslaw Bierut, Secretary-General of the Polish Communist Party, who died last month, by Edward Odrab, an "old-guard" who was not compromised with any section of the Communists.

But in Hungary, Albania and particularly Bulgaria, serious repercussions must be shaking the Communist Parties at present, they contended.

Relaxed Tension

These observers predicted that the National Communist Parties will now be given more freedom of action and that Moscow will relax its grip on foreign Communist parties, but without going as far as to allow "liberalism" which a strong personality like Marshal Josip Tito was able to introduce in Yugoslavia.

The Yugoslav observers thought that an essential reason for the new orientation of the Soviet Communist policy was the relaxation of tension between the East and the Western bloc.—France-Press.



The Queen and Prince Anne—seen waving to bystanders—pictured as they drove away from St. Pancras Station, London. With the Duke of Edinburgh and Prince Charles they had returned to London after their weekend at Thorpe Lubeham Hall, near Market Harborough, Leicestershire, where they had been the guests of Lieut.-Col. and Mrs. Harold Phillips.—Reutersphoto.

Noah's Ark Claimed Found

Madrid, Apr. 2. — A French explorer, Fernand Navarra, asserted in the Madrid newspaper, HOLA Del Lunes, today that he had found the remains of Noah's ark, the biblical craft which survived the deluge, on Mount Ararat, in Turkey.

The paper quoted him as saying that he found fragments of the wood of Noah's ark last spring during the last of his four expeditions. Navarra explained his silence since last spring by saying that he was awaiting the results of analyses of the wood which he brought back from Mount Ararat.

These, he stated, had now been completed in London and Paris laboratories, and showed that the fragments dated back to between 4,000 and 5,000 years ago.—France-Press.

Teacher Changes Birth Certificate

London, Apr. 2. — A 39-year-old teacher at the village school at Haydon Bridge, whom the children called "Miss" before the Easter holidays, but must now call "Mr," pleaded today: "Let me live in peace."

The teacher, now known as Mr Donald Oliver Bury, stated on Friday that an alteration had been made to his birth certificate changing his sex from female to male. He was formerly known as Miss Olive Bury.

In a room of the local Methodist Minister's home, Mr Bury said today: "At birth I was of indeterminate sex and was registered in good faith as a female."

"Throughout my life, it has become more and more apparent that this registration was an error."

"This correction has been made without resort to medical treatment of any description, and I would add, with the full knowledge and support of my father and relatives."—China Mail Special.

SCHOOLBOY WANTS PLANE

London, Apr. 2. — A schoolboy has made the first bid to buy one of Britain's surplus Dakota planes placed on sale by the Air Ministry last week.

The boy, in a letter, to the Ministry, said that he intended to give up his school and devote himself to flying.

He also stated: "The Air Ministry should be able to help me by giving me a pilot's licence."

Origin Of Opium Can Be Determined BATTLE AGAINST DRUG TRAFFIC

New York, Apr. 2. — A new Canadian method of determining the origin of opium has carried the world battle against illicit drug traffic a step further.

A United Nations report published here today showed that from the composition of the ash, Canadian government scientists have been able to state the origin of opium in 95 per cent of their tests.

Dr Charles Ferrell, chief of the organic chemistry section of the Food and Drug Directorate in Ottawa, said that Canada was so convinced of the certainty of the tests that it was prepared to train scientists to carry them out in countries where the opium problem was most acute.

Experts

Mr J. C. Barlett also of the Canadian Food and Drug Directorate said the methods used had reached a state of perfection which makes practical their application to seizures of opium in international traffic.

The United Nations Commission on Narcotic Drugs calls on experts in 1954 to study the question of determining the origin of opium as an aid to stamping out illegal traffic.

Mr P. S. Krishnan, chief chemist of the Central Bureau of Control Laboratory in New Delhi, said the development of determining the origin from the composition of ash was "remarkably good work."

"My considered opinion is that by employing the results of the analysis of ash in conjunction with the results of analysis of alkaloids the problem is nearer solution," he wrote.

Dr Lyndon F. Small, of the United States Public Health Service, said reliable and practical scientific methods had been developed. The complete solution to the origin of opium was "no longer primarily a scientific problem, but rather political and diplomatic in nature."

Utmost Importance

He said it was of the utmost importance that the co-operation of all governments having either licit or illicit production areas be secured in obtaining reference samples.—China Mail Special.

Chip Eating Champion

London, Apr. 2. — Chip potatoes are one of the most popular dishes among the mining communities of Britain, but, normally, the miner buys only one bag of chips at a time, wrapped in newspaper.

Today, however, a 41-year-old Bedlington (Northumberland) miner, Joe Steele, set up a unique world record—he ate 22 packets of chips in 42 minutes, and that without a drink. How many chips were in each packet was not revealed.

By his last bag, Steele had the previous record set up by a Liverpool (Merseyside) student, who ate 18 packets of chips in 30 minutes, and that without a drink.—France-Press.

Princess Waves To Crowd

Reds Realise Risk Of Warfare Says Murphy

Norfolk, Va., Apr. 2.

The Under-Secretary of State, Mr Robert Murphy, said in a speech today that the danger of Communist military aggression had "not abated significantly."

He estimated that Communist countries still had 10,250,000 men under arms, compared with 6,500,000 in the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation countries, the chief defensive system of "the free world."

Mr Murphy spoke at a meeting on the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation sponsored by the College of William and Mary and the Norfolk Chamber of Commerce.

No Holiday

Mr Murphy said the Communist leaders seemed to appreciate "the suicidal risks of warfare" and to place more emphasis on anti-military techniques in their struggle against the free world, but he said there was no guarantee that the Communists would "indefinitely desist from military adventures" particularly if they were tempted by military weakness.

"We should not make the fatal mistake of assuming that a seeming Communist de-emphasis of military methods of conquest will allow us to take a holiday from the struggle for freedom," said Mr Murphy. "On the contrary, this struggle may become more intense."

Mr Murphy said there were a number of good reasons why the present Soviet rulers "want to push Stalin off his pedestal." He said they may be hoping to "shock the Communist Party" and the Russian people into action on the need to "revitalize the political and economic machinery of the Soviet Union."

New Appeal

"They may wish to stimulate the productive and creative abilities of Soviet engineers, scientists and artists who feared Stalin. And the Communists may feel the new line will appeal to non-Communists, and especially to Socialists abroad."—United Press.

Couldn't Stand Team's Defeat

Rio de Janeiro, Apr. 2. — Incapable of supporting the defeat of his local football team, Valdemar Teixeira da Silva, slashed his wrists with a razor after leaving the Maracana stadium here yesterday.

From his hospital bed today, the supporter told his wife he could not support such a "shameful defeat."

'Deep Freeze' Expedition Returning

Washington, Apr. 2. — A United States expedition known as "Deep Freeze One" has explored about one-sixth of the South Polar ice-cap and planted the American flag at three points in Queen Maud Land, it was announced today.

The expedition also set up two Polar bases which will be used by US scientists and technicians during the 18-month geophysical "year" which opens in July, 1957.

Operation "Deep Freeze One" comprised Navy helicopters, a squadron of transport planes and the entire seven-vehicle "Task Force 43", headed by Admiral George Dufek, aboard the ice-breaker Glacier.

The task force is now on the 12,000-mile return "trip" to Boston after helping to explore about a million square miles of the Polar ice-cap in the past four months.

Some 2,000 sailors and scientists took part in the operation.—France-Press.

US Army Teams Train West Germans

Heidelberg, Apr. 2. — Thirteen United States Army teams were selected today to help train the new West German Army, it was announced here.

The announcement from American Army headquarters, said the total number of German training assistance groups so far selected was 23. The eventual strength of the groups would be 608 officers and men.

Nine further groups were selected last month, will finish their training by mid-April. The first group began work in January at Amersbach, on the Rhine, where the German forces set up their first training quarters.—Reuters.



Harry
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says

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WILL BONN MAKE A DEAL WITH RUSSIA?

GERMANY TODAY By JOHN FISHER

First of a new series of articles by the well-known diplomatic correspondent just returned from a tour of Western Germany at the invitation of the Federal German Government.

WILL West Germany make a deal with Soviet Russia to get the Russian out of East Germany? That is what many diplomats, and ordinary people too, would like to know at this time.

They remember the sudden pact signed in 1939 between Molotov and Ribbentrop which paved the way for an all-out attack on the West. They see that West Germany has recently recognized the Soviet Union and accepted a Soviet Ambassador in Bonn.

They recall that Germany will soon have an army of her own, with all the prestige and bargaining power which this means. They know that the influence of that great European, Dr. Adenauer, is on the wane, and they also know that the Western Powers, on whom West Germany has hitherto relied in the diplomatic field, have completely failed to bring about the reunification of Germany.

Would it not be natural for the West German Government to try direct negotiations with the Soviet Union in order to solve the problem?

Refugees

It would be easier to answer this question if one could be sure how hotly the desire for reunification really burns within each German breast.

Certainly, 1,000 refugees arrive every day from the Soviet zone as a living protest against Communist oppression. One of the most popular of current films, "Heaven Without Stars," deals with the tragedy of a girl in Eastern Germany who falls in love with a West German policeman.

Because one in every five persons in West Germany is a refugee, no politician can openly lose sight of the problem. The official line to Germans in the Soviet zone is still: "If possible, stick it out. Stay at your post. In other words, 'We will save you in the end.'"

But when you ask the average German, "What action should be taken to secure reunification?" the reply is vague.

"The German question can be settled only as part of a world settlement between East and West," is one frequent answer. There are suggestions that the West should make sacrifices in the Near East or in the Far East in order to promote reunification of Germany.

At present, therefore, the Germans have an emotional urge for reunification without any clear idea how it might be brought about.

Emotional

At this moment, I think it is fair to say that no responsible West German contemplates a private deal with the Soviet Union in order to bring about the reunification of Germany.

But if no progress towards reunification is made during the Bulgarian visit to Britain—and none is in prospect, through a further meeting at even Dr. Adenauer's Government to discuss bilateral talks with the Russians if an approach came from the Soviet side.

Speculating where these negotiations might lead, we have to remember a few hard facts.

The first is that West Germany has very little to offer the Russians. Ideally the Russians would like West Germany to merge with East Germany and to withdraw from NATO in return for German reunification. But a merger between Pankow and Bonn would mean that

Bonn would have to recognise the Pankow Government—the oppressors of 17,000,000 Germans—as legal.

Further, it would mean that the West Germans would lose control over their own very prosperous land in order to learn up with a state which is not only poverty-stricken but Communist in thought, word and deed. For the youths of East Germany, to whom all the privileges in the new state would go, have lived under the dictatorship of the one sort or another for more than 20 years.

Also, the vast state-run factories of East Germany would create big problems for private industry in West Germany should the Bonn-Pankow merger come off.

Tensions

I cannot see any West German Government signing a way to freedom in this way within the foreseeable future—and any attempt on Germany's part to leave NATO would cut her off from Western support, so that she would be bargaining with the Russians alone and with her back to the wall, as it were.

Of course, the scene might change in Russia as in Germany. The Communist Party, at present biting the dust in West Germany, might revive. East-West trade, at present unimportant to West Germany, might become vital as the result of an international slump; or German emotional tensions might rise to a point where it might pay Russia to make some kind of a deal.

But such things are not easily predictable. Time, as some of the intelligent Germans are beginning to realise, works in favour of the status quo.

The frontier between Free Germany and Slave Germany—that is, between West and East Germany—runs almost unbroken from the Baltic to the Czech border.

You drive up a road—and suddenly it ends in a vast expanse of barbed-wire. If there is a railway, the track has probably been torn up on the East side.

The trees and undergrowth have been cut down to give a free field of fire, and the odds are that there is a watch-tower

with searchlight in the background with a telephone line to the nearest guardroom of the East German People's Army.

The West side of the border is officially manned by green-uniformed and unarmed Customs officers, but a few miles away there will probably be a barracks holding a detachment of Federal Frontier Protection troops, well-armed and motorised.

Well-guarded

Today there are very few official crossing points, and all are well guarded on the Russian side to prevent refugees from slipping over to the West.

I took a car from Hamburg north-eastwards to the shore of the Baltic. I wanted to see the East-West border again for myself and to gauge the feelings of the people who live just short of it.

The hopes and fears of such people are important. If they felt that the separation of East and West Germany was permanent, that they wanted no part of Germans on the other side of the border, the reunification of Germany on which Western policy is based would be founded on an illusion. If, on the other hand, there is give-and-take on the frontier, a kind of informal and partial reunification might still be feasible from the bottom upwards, on a technical if not political level.

Anyone who visits West Germany and Berlin and talks to political leaders and editors of various shades of opinion, as I have done, is almost certain to conceive this possibility and to review Western policy in the light of it.

At present it is, of course, a continuation of Truman's policy of the "containment of Communism." It has ensured the armament of West Germany as part of the free world, and the continued access to Berlin of the armed forces of the three Western Powers—America, France, Britain.

Relaxation

Russia has stopped "buzzing" civilian aeroplanes that fly to and from Berlin, and has allowed east-bound traffic along the roads to and from Berlin. This appears to be part of the Russian policy of relaxing tension, and will probably continue as long as that policy prevails.

But the Western Powers are not content with the situation as it is. They have pledged themselves to a policy of free elections throughout Germany, and have denounced the East German Government as an illegal tyranny.

There are moral reasons for this, of course, but material ones too. Recognition of the Pankow East German puppet government would weaken the case for recovering East Germany through free elections.

It would postpone the reunification of Germany, reduce the chances of recovery by Germany of the Polish occupied territories and might prove fatal to the morale of the West Berliners.

It would also be fatal to the life of any foreseeable West German Government today.

For these reasons, the West is officially committed to its policy of reunification, and refusal to recognise the Pankow Government, irrespective of whether Russia is likely to abandon that Government or to end voluntarily the division of Germany.

Contacts

On the frontier, however, near Lubek, I found a very different spirit prevailing.

There is no feeling that the East German Government merits recognition; still less is there any approval of its policy. But there is some realisation of the fact that both sides have to make the best of conditions as they are.

For instance, children of the West play within a few yards of the slave border without fear of border incidents.

I saw tracks leading across and down to a stream which was technically in no man's land between the East and West zone demarcation lines. None of the villagers saw anything remarkable in this.

The guards on either side of the border are on excellent terms and, at sea, the patrol boats of either side accord one another the appropriate naval salutes.

A school and some new houses have been built on land only a few yards west of the border. The Lubek authorities offer special camping facilities in the summer for East Zone children. They are indirectly petitioning the East Zone traffic authorities to restore the direct railway line between Lubek and Berlin.

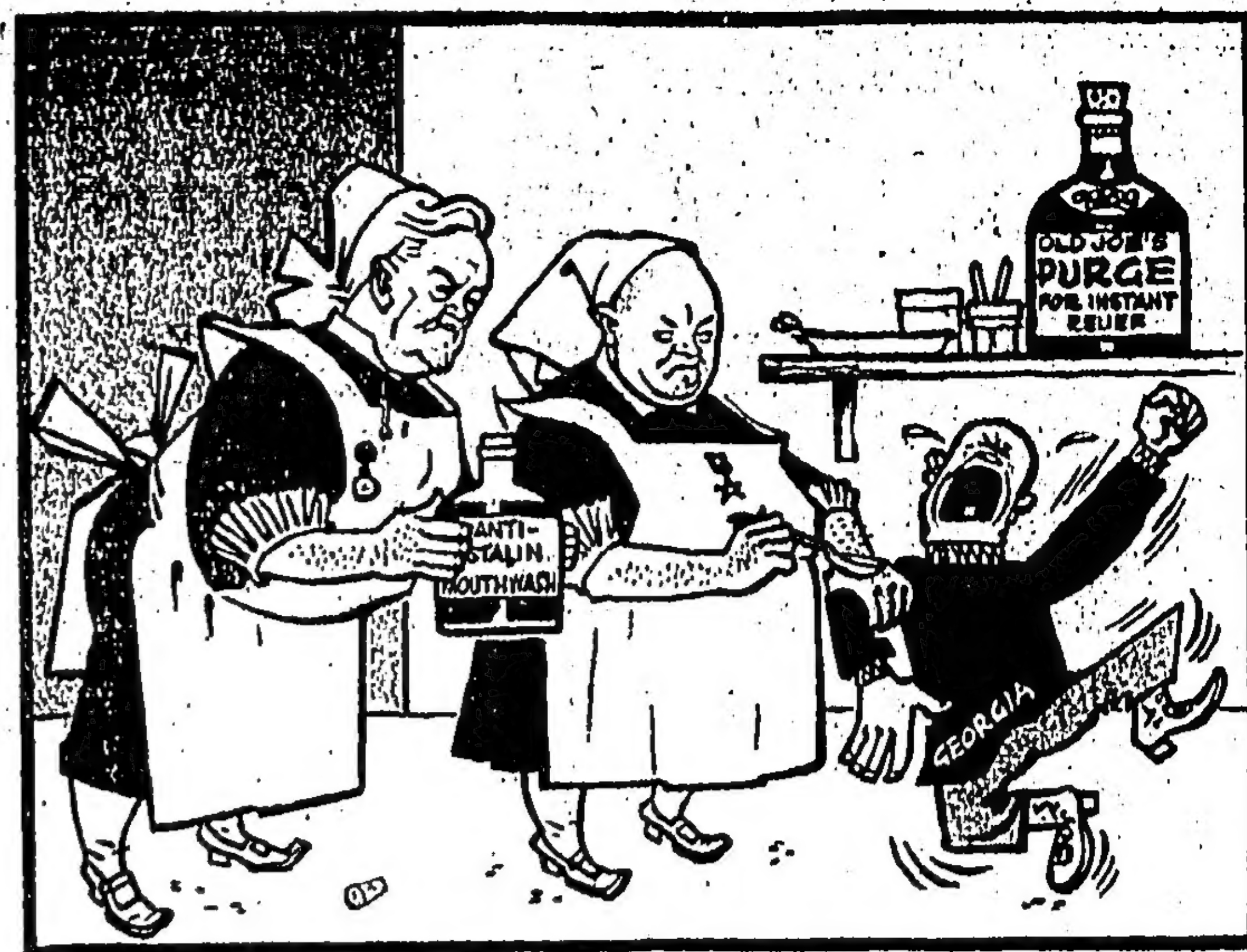
In other words, political differences have not worked up an atmosphere of bitterness or of civil war. This is reflected in many other spheres and in many other places. East and West German civil police help one another in crime cases and, as we saw recently, the two

Germanies combined to send a single winter sports team to the Olympic Games at Cortina.

Of course, some Western diplomats consider such contacts dangerous. They feel that West Germany will gain nothing that the Communists do not wish her to have, and that she will eventually be drawn on to the slippery slope leading to recognition of the East German regime.

But as I left Germany I had the feeling that this might be less dangerous than the policy of persuading all elements in West Germany (including any wild nationalists) that tension must continue in Europe until the two Germanies are one.

TOMORROW:
The New German Army



This Funny World

SHOES



"We're having a special on moccasins today"

BY THE WAY

by Beachcomber

I CANNOT, nor do I want to, get out of my mind this business of the stamping of eggs in code. If purchasers, by fair means or foul, succeed in deciphering the codes, invisible marking-ink will have to be used.

I see some egg-spy with an evil face, in a chemist's warehouse, brushing the shell with a chemical solution, and decoding the date with the aid of a document stolen from a careless official in a public-house. I see a prosperous greiver bribing a go-between in the lounge of a smart hotel. Who is the exotic "sister" of the secretary at a certain clearing station? Who sold a surplus stock of deteriorating eggs with faded markings to a catering firm? All the technical details which today make the distribution of eggs one of the learned professions will become wildly exciting, and girl markers and stampers will have to learn ju-jitsu.

The lonely batsman

LAX discipline in cricket teams cannot be tolerated for one moment. "Foul out" and the pouring of water over umpires are to be deprecated," said a spokesman, "just as much as striking the bowler with a bat, or tripping a fielder, or setting the batsman to the wicket-keeper's pads. The latest report from Pakistan is that one of our fellows took a girl with him, when he went in to bat, and talked to her between strokes. Once or twice she interrupted a ball, with a silly giggle. Informed of this, the M.C.C. said, "She had no business to be on the field during play, the three little rascals. A batsman who feels lonely at the wicket can always speak to a fielder at the end of an over."

On guard, sirrah!

I AM well aware that, as Don Quixote said, the man who interferes in someone else's business is a meddling busybody.

YOUR BIRTHDAY

By STELLA

TUESDAY, APRIL 3

BORN today, you are one of those sympathetic and kindly souls who will go through life trying to find a way to help others. You may not appear to be an overly serious soul either, for you have a relieving sense of humour that makes it possible for you to see the bright side of everything. And, by your laughing and making fun of a dull and dreary world, the world itself seems brighter.

You are an arch-optimist and are always looking for that pot of gold at the end of the rainbow. Those with that point of view often find one, too! You seem to have a kindred feeling with the "Mister Everyman." You are true and sincere friend. You have a vivid imagination and the gift of the written word. It is likely that you will find literature your happiest field. The stage, too, will offer interest, for your dramatic sense can find full expression there.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4

ARIES (Mar. 22-Apr. 20): There may be confusion this morning as you stand by until things clear after lunch.

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21): The afternoon is definitely your best time for progressive action. Make real advances then.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21): This can be a friendly, social even a romantic day for you. Plan to enjoy yourself thoroughly.

CANCER (June 22-July 21): This could be a day for reckoning up your assets and liabilities—and paying those bills!

LEO (July 22-Aug. 21): Co-operate with others in your community and do something for those less fortunate than you are.

VIRGO (Aug. 22-Sept. 21): Your work can be especially rewarding today. There are social aspects which are pleasing, too.

LIBRA (Sept. 22-Oct. 21): If you are thoroughly practical this morning, you will find that the results are excellent.

SCORPIO (Oct. 22-Nov. 21): Don't be too adventurous today. You may find that you have some overtime work this evening.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Stick to the job this morning and the results are such that you can estimate tonight.

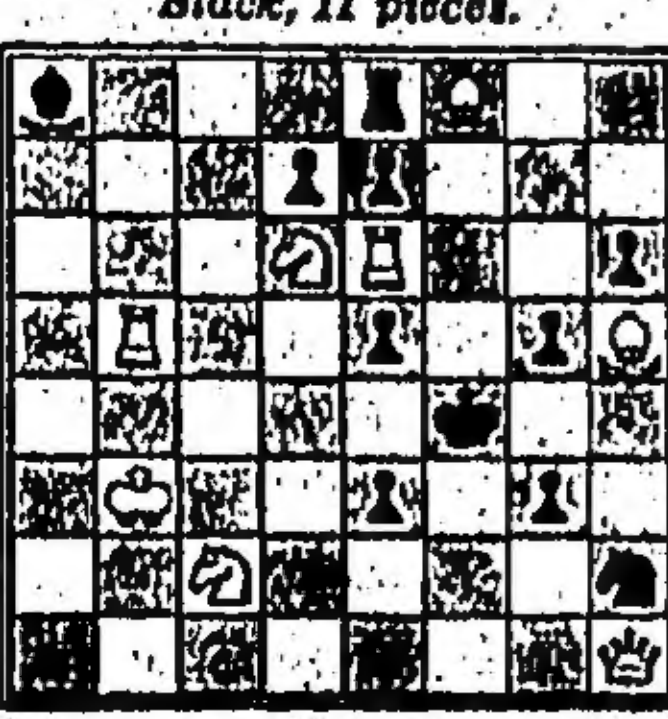
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 21): Be cautious this morning, especially in business matters. Afternoon better, evening excellent.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 22-Feb. 19): You should be able to negotiate

CHESS PROBLEM

By W. HATSWELL

Black, 11 pieces.



White, 8 pieces.
White to play; mate in two.
Solution to yesterday's problem: 1. R-K15, any 2. Q, R, or K mate.

JACOBY ON BRIDGE

When Defenders' Silence Is Gold.

By OSWALD JACOBY

WHEN an opening bid of one in a suit is passed by the responder, it is usually sound for the fourth player to reopen the bidding on suspicion. Perhaps the hand belongs to his side, or perhaps he can drive the opening bidder too high.

The situation is quite different, however, when the opening bid is one no-trump rather than one

NORTH		EAST	
♠ Q62	3	♠ J1094	
♥ 52		♥ A98	
♦ 762		♦ K84	
♣ KJ1063		♣ 94	
WEST		SOUTH (D)	
♠ K7		♠ A853	
♥ J103		♥ K874	
♦ J10953		♦ A	
♣ Q82		♣ A75	
North-South vul.		South-West vul.	
1 N.T. Pass Pass Double		Pass Pass Pass	
Opening lead—♦ J			

of a suit. The opening bid of one no-trump guarantees 16 to 18 points, which is quite a bit more than a minimum opening of one in a suit. Then again, the responder's pass doesn't necessarily indicate a completely worthless hand.

In today's hand, North had six points in high cards and a four five-card suit. North would not have passed if South had opened with one in a suit, but it was quite proper for North to pass South's opening bid of one no-trump. North knew that the combined count was only 22 to 24 points, which is seldom enough for game.

It would have been correct for East to reopen the bidding if South had opened with one club or one diamond and North had passed. But when South opened with one no-trump, East should have passed.

The double turned out badly. South guessed the clubs correctly, winning five clubs, two diamonds, a spade, and a heart. He wound up with 450 points above the line and 80 below. If East had passed, South would have scored only 60 points above the line and 40 below.

CARD GAME

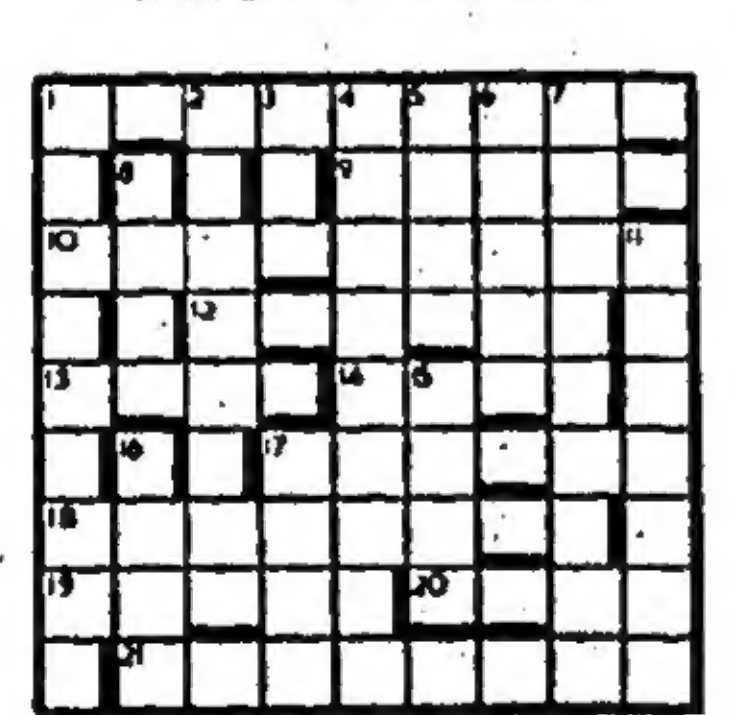
Q—The bidding has been North East South West
2 Diamonds Pass ?
You South, hold:
♠ 432 752 ♦ Q7832 ♠ Q2

What do you do?
A—Bid two no-trump. The hand has some elements of strength, but you should avoid encouraging partner when you have no ace, no king, and not even a singleton.

TODAY'S QUESTION
The bidding is the same as in the question just answered. You, South, hold:
♠ 432 752 ♦ Q7832 ♠ K2

What do you do?
Answer Tomorrow

CROSSWORD



Across
1. A drinking song—but not in praise of wine. (3, 5, 5)
9. Father married. (5)
10. Tapering with a thousand from Rome inside. (9)
12. State of many an Indian. (8)
13. A lot of a blow in any orchestra. (4)
14. James the steamer. (4)
15. Fined by you. (5)
16. He travels? Appropriate place for entertainment! (8)
20. Charles from Beauchamp. (4)
21. Pound at Lord's—nothing to do with cricket. (5)

Down
1. Repayment—for the hat? (3, 3)
2. You'll never wear a thing if it's all over the place. (4)
3. He's a bit of a tailor's dummy. (9)
4. Silver-bred yachtsman may be all at sea in this. (4, 5)
5. Unusual—double regiment! (4)
6. Follows stick or... (5)
7. Plump, where have you been? (4, 5)
8. The Queen. (4, 5)
9. This chap is... (4, 5)
11. It's a little... (4, 5)
12. It's a little... (4, 5)
13. It's a little... (4, 5)
14. It's a little... (4, 5)
15. It's a little... (4, 5)
16. It's a little... (4, 5)
17. It's a little... (4, 5)
18. It's a little... (4, 5)
19. It's a little... (4, 5)
20. It's a little... (4, 5)
21. It's a little... (4, 5)

Pagan's Spring Wardrobe

By ANNE EDWARDS

ANNOUNCING (with pictures) the Pagan Fashion Plan for Spring. Pagan Grigg is the slender blonde with deep blue eyes who has been picked with five other girls to show British clothes to Moscow next month.

Today she models the clothes which she herself has bought for spring—all from the London shops.

For the chances are that a girl like Pagan—with a passionate interest in fashions, a limited budget, and the kind of job that lets her see the best of the new clothes ahead of anyone else—will choose for herself just the kind of clothes that other girls would like.



DRESS WITH PLEATED SKIRT



TWO-IN-ONE DRESS

HER COTTON DRESS in a Paisley print has a durably pleated skirt. It is made in backgrounds of sand, avocado, cream, camel, aqua, slate, marsh-mallow and pink.

HER SUMMER DINNER DRESS is a two-piece in rose pink "cotton faille." The middie jacket which buttons over the sleeveless square-necked top of the dress converts it into a day dress.

HER SPRING COAT is in rough white tweed, elegant and straight, and single breasted.

HER SLACKS in white denim finish in a cuff above the ankle. With them she wears a jersey shirt in navy blue and white stripes.



ELEGANT AND STRAIGHT

HOUSEHOLD HINTS

A thin coating of beeswax on the pulley stiles eliminates sticky windows.

Hot salt water poured into sinks and drains helps to keep them clean and odourless.

Cook dried lima beans until tender, then combine with diced ham and a well-seasoned cheese sauce for a tasty

of the frames. You won't have to touch up the putty later.

To prevent soggy fruit pies, brush the sides and bottom crusts with beaten egg white, sprinkle lightly with flour, and then add the filling.

The little gadget responsible for the quick cookery is an infra red grill.

I do! The other day, at an exhibition in Newcastle, Great Britain, I saw a juicy steak "done to a turn" in ninety seconds, a piece of bacon grilled in twenty seconds, and liver ready for the table in sixty seconds or so.

After seeing all that, I can take anything—even the push-button housework theory.

The little gadget responsible for the quick cookery is an infra red grill.

New Cooking Gadgets Perform Wonders

By K. GRIEVE

EVERYONE has a pet theory about "the 1980's.... One vision is of the "man of the house" dressed for his office in a neat and highly practical boiler-suit of a shrink-resisting, heat-resisting, stain-repellent nylon. Another is of the "woman of the house" pressing a button to set into operation the automatic "servant,"

which will do all or most of her daily chores while she departs from her suburban home by the local helicopter service to take coffee and gossip with a few friends at her favourite restaurant in the town centre.

But how many people really believe that such innovations will take place? Another infra red gadget—a rotary "spit"—is about as far away from the traditional "spit" of our ancestors as the electric cooker is today.

This new gadget might not cope with a full-sized ox, as the old-time spit sometimes had to do. But it makes short shrift of a fourteen-pound joint of meat, four steaks, or six chops. It also has a grill.

If you do not believe what is happening inside the gadget, you can watch the meat cooking through a transparent shield.

Away from the Space Age atmosphere, one cooking idea struck me as being a "gift" for the one-room lodger, whether man or woman.

It was a pan which can fry, roast, grill or stew, and which was plugged into the electric-point by a wire from the handle.

It was complete with a heat indicator.

At the exhibition there was a controversial notion which aroused much discussion. It was a dining-room table consisting of two wooden "benches," one suspended above the other, by metal supports.

The top "bench" or level was for ornaments, plants, flowers. The lower one was for use when dining.

Providing you are eccentric and like to eat on a narrow strip of wood surrounded by what looks like scaffolding, then you should go for this idea "in a big way."

For my taste, I prefer to eat in the good old-fashioned way.

Even Furniture Hears Of Grace

Chicago.

SOME forecasts for what's ahead in home fashions:

The majority of upholstery lines seem to have come under the "Grace Kelly" influence—ladylike, elegant and cool. (American Furniture Mart report.)

The trend is to combine unrelated materials—the use of leather, mosaics, brass, pewter, straw, different coloured woods and bold patterns whether large or small.

Mahogany and the type of traditional furniture associated with mahogany are still on the decline. Provincial and "soft-lined modern" in brown tones are still gaining. In upholstery, more detail is being demanded, along with the widest assortment of colour that has been presented in some time.

More elaborate and decorative upholstery materials, new types of "wiring" construction, more metal finishes.

Bigger lamps giving a "romantic" interest, as well as light to a room.

More borrowing from the beautiful furniture of the past.

BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

The Missing Bird Case

—Or What Happened When Cuckoo Left Her Clock—

By MAX TRELL

KNARF, the shadow boy with the turned about name, walked out of the house. There was a worried look on his face. At the corner stood the Policeman.

"Hello, Knarf," said the Policeman to him.

"Hello, Policeman," said Knarf. "I'm worried about something."

The Policeman nodded. "I could tell that from your face," he said. "What are you worried about?"

Cuckoo Clock

Knarf answered: "I'm worried about the cuckoo bird who lives in the cuckoo clock that hangs in my room."

The Policeman raised his eyebrows. "You don't say," he remarked. "Now why should you be worried about the cuckoo bird who lives in the cuckoo clock that hangs in your room?"

"Because," said Knarf, "this morning at nine o'clock, when she should have opened the door of her house, and called out nine times, she didn't open her door at all."

"She didn't?" said the Policeman, raising his eyebrows again.

"She didn't call out any time," said Knarf. "Then I opened the door of the clock and looked inside the room where the cuckoo bird lives."

"And... what was the story?" said the Policeman.

"Well, she was gone!" said Knarf. "The Policeman look at his

hat and scratched the back of his head. Now he looked worried too.

"I never heard of such a thing," he said. "What kind of a cuckoo bird is this that leaves her cuckoo clock and doesn't call out the time?"

"I wish I knew where she went," said Knarf.

Down The Street

"Come to think of it," said the Policeman, after scratching the back of his head a little more. "I seem to remember seeing a little bird flying down the street just a little while ago. Around nine o'clock it was. Yes, it was about nine o'clock. I mistook it for a sparrow."

"It must have been Mrs Cuckoo," said Knarf.

"Now we ought to be able to figure out where that cuckoo bird flew to," the Policeman said.

"Maybe," said Knarf, "she flew up in a tree like the rest of the birds."

"That's an idea," said the Policeman. "Now just let me see. There's a tree at the end of the next street after you turn the corner and cross over to the other side. It's not a very big tree but it's got branches and bark and twigs and leaves. Only I've never seen a bird in it."

Like Broom Sticks

So they walked down to the end of the next street and went around the corner and on the other side. The tree was tall and thin. The branches were like broom sticks. The twigs were like match sticks. The bark was smooth and shiny and the leaves were like little hearts.

They both listened.

They heard a bird calling out: "Cuckoo, cuckoo, cuckoo..." ten times.

"There's your bird," said the Policeman. He pointed to a little hollow in the trunk of the tree up near the spot where the first of the branches sprouted out.

Knarf saw her plainly. Her head was stuck out. He called up to her before she drew back inside the hollow again.

"Come back! Come back, Cuckoo!" he pleaded. "We need you home. Who'll call out the time for us if you don't? Well bring a little tree into my room—a rubber-plant tree in a red clay pot. You can come out of the clock and sit on the rubber plant tree every night when everyone in the house is asleep."

So the cuckoo bird returned with Knarf and the Policeman smiled.

Rupert and the Black Circle-9



Rupert clambered on to the gate beside the "aged man." Please, have you seen a lot of people like Indians go past here? He asks.

"Oh, what's that?" wheezes Gaffer, large. "I'll be the old to play Red Indians with the lines of my face. Rupert? Or no, boy, boy."



Red Indians—black ones, real ones, Bill explains. "We're not playing a game." "Oh, what's with you? I growls the old man. "Course I ain't seed 'em. Don't believe there be any such round here. Be off with 'em and play with sticks on somebody else."

So the cuckoo bird returned with Knarf and the Policeman smiled.

ENTHUSIASM WINS THROUGH NORTH BORNEO PRODUCES AN OLYMPIC CLASS HOP, STEP, JUMPER

By "RECORDER"

In a meeting at Kota Belud on Saturday, March 31, Gabuh bin Tiging, a Dusun tribesman and a constable in the North Borneo Police Force, cleared 49 feet 4 1/2 inches (15.05 metres) in the Hop, Step & Jump for one of the finest performances in this event the world over in 1956.

This performance came as no great surprise as he had in earlier weeks been clearing over 49 feet in practice, but an actual 49-footer in competition was not expected of him so early in the season.

The North Borneo AAA, fast becoming one of the most progressive amateur athletic associations the world over, has this realised one of its targets for Olympic Year—an athlete who is quite definitely in Olympic class.

Second place in this same Hop, Step & Jump event at Kota Belud was taken by Sium bin Diao at the internationally very respectable performance of 47 feet 4 1/2 inches (14.50 metres). Not every European country has two hop, step and jumpers of this class and Britain's second best last year cleared just 47 feet.

Gabuh first came into prominence at the North Borneo Games at Seria, Brunei, on July 4, 1954, when he surprised NBAAA officials with a triple jump of 47 feet 4 1/2 inches into a strong wind.

At the North Borneo Games last year, also at Seria on July 30, he repeated this performance, again into a strong wind. At this same meeting Sium bin Diao also jumped into Empire class with 46 feet 11 1/2 inches.

In the 1954 British Commonwealth and Empire ranking list Gabuh ranked 17th. It was first time in history that a North Borneo athlete had ever figured on an Empire ranking list.

Last year Gabuh again ranked 17th in the Commonwealth and Empire and Sium made it two for North Borneo with 20th place.

MOVED UP

Both have moved up the Empire ranking list in 1956 and it is far from certain that they will not improve upon Saturday's Kota Belud performances as the year progresses.

Best by British Commonwealth and Empire hop, step and jumpers in the first three months of 1956 were:

- 50. 1. Khar Singh (India)
- 49. 2. Brian Gray (Australia)
- 48. 3. Kevin Salt (Australia)
- 47. 4. Sukdharan Singh (India)
- 46. 5. Mohinder Singh (India)
- 45. 6. Ron Gray (Australia)
- 44. 7. Sium bin Diao (N. Borneo)
- 43. 8. Rutherford (Australia)
- 42. 9. Mick Rich (Australia)
- 41. 10. Kain Mehar (India)

So Gabuh currently ranks second in the Commonwealth and Empire for 1956 and Sium ninth. For the current year, Gabuh also ranks second in Asia. Things should change as the year progresses for the Japanese season is just starting and such outstanding triple jumpers as Empire Champion Ken Wilmschurst, Singapore's Tan Eng-yoon and Nigeria's Paul Enge have yet to turn out a world class performance this year.

But last year 49 feet 4 1/2 inches would have placed Gabuh fourth in the Empire and even if 49 1/2 remains his best of the season, he is more

NOTICE

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

Programmes and Entry Forms for the 10th Race Meeting 1955/56 to be held on Saturday 14th April, 1956, (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, Alexandra House; the Club House, Happy Valley; and the Stables, Shan Kwong Road.

Entries close at 12 o'clock NOON on Wednesday, 4th April, 1956.

By Order of the Stewards,
A. E. ARNOLD, Secretary.



Harry Odell says

Don't forget to-morrow night's GRAND MASSED BAND CONCERT at the EMPIRE THEATRE at 9.30 p.m. Book at Moutrie's or the Theatre.

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Nominate YOUR Hongkong Footballer Of The Year

Members of the public are invited to nominate Hongkong's Footballer of the Year for the current season.

It is a popularity poll organised by the China Mail, and nomination coupons will be accepted until the closing date to be announced later.

The two qualifications for nomination are:

- (1) Footballing prowess.
- (2) Sportsmanship on the field of play.

Nominations should be addressed to the Editor, China Mail, Wyndham Street.

To the Editor, China Mail.

My nomination for Hongkong's Footballer of the Year, taking into regard his playing ability and his sportsmanship on the field of play is

of the..... Club.

(Signed).....

We Don't Want Cricketers Looking Like Baseball Players, Says Ames

London, April 2

Cricket attire and equipment has altered but little since the days of Dr W. G. Grace. But one young English scholar thinks the time has come for wicketkeepers to have better protection than just gloves and pads.

He is Roy Swetman, 21-year-old Surrey wicketkeeper, who recently returned from touring Pakistan with the MCC "A" team. Little Swetman feels that for wicket keeping, cricket's most dangerous job, players should experiment with a light but strong mesh visor to protect the face.

This revolutionary suggestion is not prompted by timidity; for he is a fearless keeper, who has already had a broken nose and a badly gashed eye. He said: "In the course of a season, I reckon I take at least one knock in the face from an awkward ball. Such injuries are a nuisance as they put me out of cricket for a fortnight or so."

He added that he was seriously thinking of having a visor made to his specifications to put his idea into practice.

And what do England wicketkeepers of the past think of Swetman's proposal? They are against the idea, judging by the opinions of a few personalities contacted.

George Duckworth (Lancashire), who kept wicket in 24 Tests before the war, said: "We have managed without visors all these years, I am sure you can continue to do so. I was only once hit-in-the-face and that was in a war time charity match after I had finished in first class cricket."

"It is the chest rather than the face which is liable to injury. I always wore a chest protector."

Leslie Ames (Kent), hero of 47 Tests as wicketkeeper and batsman, and now an England selector, agreed with Duckworth.

"I would be very much against any protection for the face," he said. "Of course, a wicketkeeper gets on occasional knock—I well remember Godfrey Evans (England's present wicketkeeper) once taking a nasty knock in the face, but so too does a batsman. We don't want cricketers looking like baseball players."

FACIAL INJURY

Ames added that, like Duckworth, the only facial injury he had was in a charity match, at the end of the season. His lip was badly cut.

Billy Griffith (Sussex) 41-year-old former England wicketkeeper and now assistant secretary of the MCC at Lord's, spoke in the same vein.

Griffith is to emerge from his playing retirement to keep

WORLD TABLE TENNIS TOURNEY

Japan Scores Convincing 5-0 Win Over Australia In Swaythling Cup

Tokyo, Apr. 3.

Japan overpowered Australia 5-0 in the Men's Swaythling Cup play at the World Table Tennis Championships today, while the favoured women's team from Rumania walked over Korea in Corbillion Cup competition.

The Japanese men's team of Yoshio Tomita, Toshiaki Tanaka and Ichiro Ogimura proved invincible with their powerful, long forehand drives. They ran through the match without dropping a set.

Ogimura was especially effective as he held Australia's A.A. Robinson to only 12 points. Tanaka, defending World Singles Champion, also displayed plenty of power in beating V. Matison and G.J. Jennings with his smashing forehand.

Angeline Rozzani and Ella Zeller had no trouble at all winning as they pleased in Corbillion Cup play against Han Yong-jia and Wio Sang-suk of Korea.

England's Ann Haydon and Diane Rowe ran into a bit of trouble before they dropped the US team. Miss Haydon defeated Harry Robinson easily and Miss Rowe took care of Lona Flam.

In doubles, however, the American team, after losing the first game, held a 20-10 lead in the second. The English rallied and carried the score to 2-2.

Miss Rowe made a brilliant backhand shot to take the advantage and Haydon came through with a beautiful forehand drive to take the match.

SECOND DAY RESULTS
The following are the results of the second day women's play for the Corbillion Cup and the 23rd World Table Tennis Championships.

Japan defeated India 3-0. Fuyie Eguchi beat Meena Parande 21-4, 21-7. Kikiko Watanabe beat Rachael John 21-4, 21-13. Yoshiko Tanaka and Tame Okawa beat Parande and John 21-12, 21-13.

England defeated the US 3-0. Ann Haydon beat Pauline Robertson 21-5, 21-14. Diane Rowe beat Lona Flam 21-3, 21-19. Haydon-Rowe beat Flam-Leah Nummerger 21-14, 21-20.

HONGKONG WINS
Hongkong defeated the Philippines 5-0 in Swaythling Cup play.

Tai Chung-ling beat Jose Bajarria 21-12, 21-12. Chung Chin-shing beat Honorio Geluz 21-13, 21-14. Lau Sik-fong beat Jesus Ybanez 21-0, 21-13. Chung beat Bajarria 21-18, 21-10. Tai beat Jesus Ybanez 21-8, 21-10.

Japan beat Sweden 5-2. Tage Flisberg of Sweden beat Josef Selz (Germany) 21-15, 21-12. Conny Freundorfer (Germany) beat Gosta Brodin (Sweden) 21-8, 21-7. Folde Holuisek (Germany) beat Einar Melstrom (Sweden) 21-15, 21-18. Freundorfer beat Flisberg 21-15, 21-15. Melstrom beat Selz 21-10, 21-8. Freundorfer beat Melstrom 21-7, 21-18.

Germany defeated Sweden 5-2 in Swaythling play largely on the efforts of her No. 1 player, 19-year-old Conny Freundorfer. Freundorfer whopped Sweden's top table tennis star, Tage Flisberg, 21-15, 21-10 and also took two other matches.

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Home Rugger Results

London, April 2.

Inter-Services tournament results: Royal Navy 11, RAF 9 (Played at Twickenham).

CLUB MATCHES

Aberdeen 0, North 6.
Aberlilly 3, Vale 3.
Bath 22, Bradford 5.
Bridgwater & Albion 0, Liverpool 41.

Bristol 13, Northampton 3.
Cambridge 3, Old Blues 3.
Cardiff 5, Harlequins 1.
Coventry 15, Herlots Former Pupils 3.

Cross Keys 22, Abercarn 0.
Exeter 8, Moseley 3.
Falmouth 3, Saracens 3.
Fylde 6, Irish 5.

Gloucester 14, Birkenhead Park 3.
Llanelli 11, Devonport Services 3.
Macclesfield 6, Universals Athletic Union 8.

New Brighton 15, Wasps 3.
Northampton 8, Old Mill-hillians 3.
Newport 3, London Welsh 3.

Northam 14, Kelsa 0.
Oxford 5, Clifton 5.
Paisley 8, Haddington 8.

Pennryn 0, Old Paulines 0.
Roumania 2, Newlyn 22, St Thomas's Hospital 3.
Percy Park 18, Bedford 11.

Plymouth Albion 9, Leicester 11.
Pontypool 13, Nuneaton 0.
Rugby 0, Glasgow High School Former Pupils 3.

St Ives 9, St Mary's Hospital 0.
Sale 16, Rosslyn Park 3.
Swansea 8, Barbarians 0.

Torquay Athletic 14, Old Cranleighians 3.
Gala 11, Manchester 11.
Bridgend 14, Totts 0.

McKee 5, London Scottish 8.
RUGBY LEAGUE
Blackpool, Borough 11.
Worthington Town 15.

Barns 23, Oldham 9.
Bradford Northern 17.
Doncaster 17.

Castledore 20, Leeds 15.
Dewsbury 7, Keighley 10.
Huddersfield 9, Hull 7.

Hull Kingston Rovers 12.
Bates 15.
Hunslet 10, Halifax 15.

Rochdale Hornets 6, St Helens 14.
Swinton 15, Widnes 2.
Wakefield Trinity 4, Featherstone 16.

Warrington 11, Leigh 11.
Wigan 39, Salford 7.
York 10, Bradford 9.—Reuter.

Turkey Beaten At Soccer

Budapest, April 2.

Czechoslovakia beat Turkey one goal to nil today on the final day of the fifth Youth Soccer tournament. Greece and East Germany tied one goal all.

United Press.

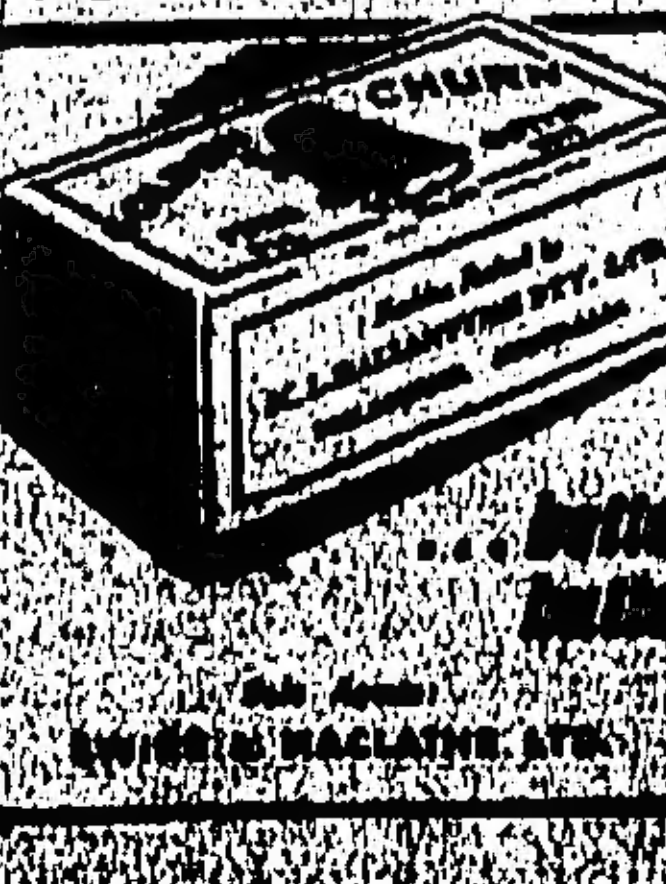
THE GAMBOLE



Barry Appleby



GOLDEN CHURN



EASTER MONDAY SOCCER

MANCHESTER UNITED HAVE STILL NOT MADE SURE OF THE CHAMPIONSHIP

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT)

London, Apr. 2. Held to a goalless draw at Newcastle, Manchester United have still not quite made sure of winning the First Division Championship. For Blackpool won 3-1 at Bolton and so remain in the race — but only just. The issue can be settled on Saturday when United meet Blackpool at Old Trafford. Even one point will mean that United would win their fourth Championship.

Can Squaw Valley Run 1960 Winter Olympic Games?

Oakland, California, Apr. 2. Mr. Avery Brundage, President of the International Olympic Committee, was quoted today as saying he was "honestly concerned over the ability of California to hold the (Winter) Olympics at a first-class way."

The 1960 Winter Games have been awarded to Squaw Valley contingent upon appropriation of \$5,000,000 by the State Legislature to finance them.

Mr. Brundage was quoted in a local newspaper as saying "present planning at Squaw Valley calls for a commuter's Olympics in 1960."

He criticised the lack of plans for places to eat and hotels for people coming to the Olympics. He said: "All I have been shown are some rough preliminary drawings that have a lot of 'ifs, ands and buts' in them." —China Mail Special

S. AFRICAN GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP

Durban, Apr. 2. Gary Player, 20-year-old Johannesburg professional, won the South African Open Golf Championship by three strokes here today with a 72-hole total of 280.

Bruce Keyser (Durban) was second, and Harold Henning (Johannesburg) third with 280. —Reuter.

I'M PROUD OF THE WAY OUR MCC LADS TOOK IT OUT IN PAKISTAN

By GEORGE DUCKWORTH

the former England and Lancashire wicketkeeper in an interview with

DESMOND HACKETT

I was with the MCC team in Pakistan as a neutral observer, and I reckon it is time someone who was on the spot said quite plainly what the English lads had to put up with.

I was never a chap to hold punches when it came to saying what I thought, so forgive me if I'm a bit blunt.

I can honestly say there was not one bad tourist in the side. Some of the decisions they endured were sinful. Some of the Press stories about them would have made you cry.

If I had been the boss I would have said a few sharp Lancashire words and told them they could keep their tour.

And those stories the Pakistan papers printed about students telling the team to go home were just tripe. There were about 30 young lads shouting their heads off.

One of our Irish policemen from Warrington would have scattered the lot with his cane. It looks like a mistake to send a team of youngsters with an MCC label to a place where cricket is politics first and sport afterwards.

We put up with a bit too much. If I had anything to do with it I should say: "You did all right, lads." In fact I felt proud to be with them and proud to be an old England cricketer myself.

These MCC lads, and most of them were lads in the sense of experience, were right up against it from the moment they landed.

They had planned to play 10 games on grass and five on matting. What happens? Without as much as by your leave they are told they must play four on turf and 10 on matting.

EXPERIENCE

Well, anybody who has played this game in earnest knows you need experience to play on these matting jobs.

Then this umpire bother. It is an unwritten law that the visiting team should be allowed to choose from a list of five umpires to control the minor games before the first Test. The idea is that if a visiting team is not satisfied with any

umpire they can decline his services.

The first the players saw of umpire Idris Begh was when he arrived for the first Test.

There was a lot of scheming in those first two Tests and the England team put up with plenty of weird decisions.

When it was time for the third Test at Rawalpindi I know the English team expected to see two new umpires and they had been reassured along these lines.

It was a real shock for them when they saw that Idris Begh was back on his old spot.

The players decided that they had better get on with the job and I admired the way they settled down. In fact I felt proud of them. I know what some of the old tour teams I had travelled with would have done.

LUXURY

You have to remember that these boys had nothing to do in their spare time. A dance with three girls available for 12 partners was a luxury. They had to play in outlandish spots, sleep in strange places, and endure the "Karachi Tummy" because of the change of diet.

They had to make their own fun and it was the old water treatment that was the stock act. Every player and official took the "treatment" at some time during the tour. I took it myself.

Umpire Idris Begh took it with a big laugh until the Pakistan players who were following up joined in the big laugh. This fellow Begh likes to be the centre of things but

not when there is a laugh at his expense.

The next the team knew was that there was a column in the Civil and Military Gazette, Rudyard Kipling's old paper, with four wicked misstatements:—

1. Begh had been forced to drink whisky which is against Begh's religious beliefs. 2. He was manhandled and had to go to hospital. 3. The England players were drunk. 4. Kardar demanded the tour should be stopped.

FANNED

The column was printed for two successive days. Radio reports fanned up the story.

The fact is that the England players before the Begh affair had been to a banquet where they had been served only water, the customary drink at these affairs, go the third allegation was absurd.

I know Begh was offered a glass of beer and declined. No one attempted to make him drink whisky. And he looked quite fit next day except when he put on his "hurl" act.

As for swearing in the last Test, that was nothing but a good old grouse among all players and mark this, between others. It was not directed at any player or official.

In fact one of my "Pak" pals said it was nothing to what the English were called in Urdu by the opposition.

Begh drew attention to himself in every match. I saw him addressing the crowd or making some dramatic gesture. In England they would have called him a highbrow.

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Derby still lead the Third Division North. Grimsby, however, 1-0 away winners at Scunthorpe, are pressing strongly. Two points behind with two games in hand.

INTERNATIONAL TENNIS

Hugh Stewart Beats Compatriot For Singles Title

Monte Carlo, Apr. 2. Hugh Stewart, of the United States, won the Men's Singles title in the Monte Carlo International Lawn Tennis tournament today.

In the All-American final, he beat Tony Vincent 1-6 8-6 6-0 6-2.

Miss Althea Gibson (USA) beat Miss Shirley Bloomer (Britain) 6-4 6-4 in the Women's Singles final. —Reuter.

British Racing Driver Killed In Grand Prix Race

London, Apr. 2. Britain's racing driver A. Rogers was killed when his "Sun Pat Special" overturned at a bend in the Automobile Grand Prix race at Goodwood, South England today.

Drivers from the United States, Australia, Italy and France are competing in the race. —France-Press.

HE TURNS OUT TO BE A SHE



For three months a 9-year-old girl played for a boys' Ice Hockey team in Toronto, Canada, without anyone knowing that Abby Hoffman was really ABIGAIL. The hard-checking defence star of the St. Catherine's Tee Rens in the Little T.H.L. Junior A Series would have finished the season without notice — except that her good playing resulted in Abby Hoffman being picked for an All-Star team which meant the production of birth certificates.

So ended the masquerade by the little girl, who hates frocks and skirts, but who was so keen on ice hockey that she was determined to get into a team. So keen in fact that when she saw an advertisement inviting youngsters between 8 and 11 to register for the Little Toronto Hockey League, she persuaded her parents to let her go.

At the arena there were 400 boys and one girl, and while Mr. Hoffman was trying to find someone to ask if girls were eligible (which they weren't) Abby had got herself registered with no one recognising that Abigail Golda Hoffman was a girl. So far she has played in her team's five wins and four losses, and now her team-mates are having a whip round to buy her a hockey statuette in admiration for her goal play.

The picture shows Abby Hoffman, the hard-checking defenceman on the ice.

ENGLAND-SCOTLAND INTERNATIONAL

The Selector Dilemma—Youngsters Or Old-Timers?

By DON REVIE

It won't be long now before the big game against Scotland — the game in which every English footballer would like to play. And right now my sympathies are with the selectors.

With so many promising young players coming up, they are faced with a problem which would test a Solomon. The team will be picked on April 6 and the dilemma is as follows:

(1) Should they toss these bright young stars into the fiery furnace of a Hampden international? Or (2), should they play safe and rely on established top-liners like Stan Matthews and Tom Finney?

BAM PLANS S.E. ASIAN TOURNEY

Penang, Apr. 2. The Badminton Association of Malaya will invite 10 countries to a meeting next month to draw up plans for South-east Asia's first badminton tournament.

The BAM Standing Committee, at a meeting here last night, decided to invite India, Burma, Indo-China, Thailand, Hongkong, Japan, the Philippines, Indonesia, Australia and New Zealand.

The date of the tournament and other details will be decided at the proposed meeting.

The BAM also decided to set up a Selection Committee to choose players for the Women's Cup team to meet Hongkong in the interzone series in Hongkong in September. —Reuter.

English Pair Win Chazaby Cup Golf Competition

Calro, Apr. 2. England, represented by John Jacob and David Thomas, won the Chazaby Cup golf competition here today in a one-hole play-off after tying with Australia's pair of Bruce Campton and Frank Phillips.

Their scores were tied over the regular course at 65, and in the play-off the English team were down in four strokes while the Australians took five. —United Press.

Sports Diary TODAY

Ladies' International: Holland v England (11V) 6.30 p.m.
Soccer
2nd Division: Chelsea v Ipswich (11V) 5.15 p.m.
3rd Division: Luton v Notts (11V) 5.15 p.m.
4th Division: Barnsley v Gillingham (11V) 5.15 p.m.
5th Division: Leyton Orient v Grimsby (11V) 5.15 p.m.
6th Division: Exeter v Torquay (11V) 5.15 p.m.
7th Division: Bournemouth v Weymouth (11V) 5.15 p.m.
8th Division: Bournemouth v Weymouth (11V) 5.15 p.m.
9th Division: Bournemouth v Weymouth (11V) 5.15 p.m.
10th Division: Bournemouth v Weymouth (11V) 5.15 p.m.

TOMORROW

2nd Division: Western v Club (11V) 5.15 p.m.
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10th Division: Bournemouth v Weymouth (11V) 5.15 p.m.

If they play all their youngsters together like Duncan Edwards, Johnny Haynes and Harry Hooper, there is a danger they could be put off their game by the famous Hampden Roar. And a young player's confidence could be destroyed for a long time.

Every footballer knows that Tom Finney and Stan Matthews have played so many great games against the Scots that they have the "Indian sign" on the opposition.

Make no mistake, the Scots love to see Stan Matthews play even when the Soccer sorcerer is creating havoc in the Scottish defence. There is no doubt at all that Finney and Matthews have the Scots bewitched, bothered and bewildered as soon as they go on the field.

Yet the selectors must build for the future. It is going to be interesting to see whether they recall Stan Matthews on the ground where he has had so many triumphs over the years.

Strange though it may seem, many of my friends in Scotland have told me they hope Matthews will play at Hampden — even if he does shatter the Scots as he did at Wembley in that 7-2 win a year ago!

LEAGUE FOR UNITED?

Most of the League problems will, I fancy, be settled in the next few days. The Easter rush is just ahead, and I firmly believe if Manchester United can get over this period without dropping many points the League title will be theirs.

No one knows better than Manager Matt Busby that his team of youngsters must not falter at this critical period. Blackpool are playing so brilliantly at the moment that they could easily come in with a late run to "steal" the Championship.

It must be difficult for Manchester United, having set such a cracking pace. And there have been signs in recent weeks that the pace is beginning to fall, for they have lost a little of their concentration.

Blackpool, an older side at least they have seasoned campaigners like Brian Taylor, Stan Matthews, George Forman and Hughie Kelly in the side — are not so likely to get hushed out of their game.

Blackpool, Wednesday — the "go-go" side of modern football because they have been up and down from the Second to the First Division more times than any other side since the war — are going strongly for promotion. Only a sudden lapse can rob them of the prize; and I fancy Liverpool to go up with them.

A GOOD TURN

In one sense Manchester City did Liverpool a good turn by knocking them out of the Cup.

Since that defeat Liverpool have run into form in the League, and Billy Liddell, one of the finest club men in the game, is determined to take his one and only club back into Division 1.

My old club Hull City are in dire trouble. A shame, because they have a progressive board, one of the best managers in the game in Bob Brocklebank, and a really first-class ground. They even have their own railway station outside the stadium. Like Derby County, it is disappointing to see clubs with such fine amenities in the Third Division.

Yet sometimes these blows do a lot of good. It gives the manager time to re-think his team, and as we have seen so many times in football relegation can be the prelude to a more prosperous and successful period.

In the Northern Section I still fancy Derby County to beat Grimsby Town for promotion. But if Grimsby make the grade, it will be a remarkable feat for player-manager Alenby Chilton, the old Manchester United centre-half.

In Derby's case they have Manager Harry Storer to call on his vast experience to help the lads over this testing time. His knowledge can calm the players, and give them the confidence they need.

In Chilton's case, he has to play, and still carry the managerial burden off the field. It is a tremendous responsibility for any man to carry — especially when his club are in the running for honours.

Chilton, a seasoned campaigner, is I think facing the toughest test of his long football career.

FINAL POSSIBLE

Remember I wrote a few weeks ago about Johnny Hart's great fight to get back into the game? A year ago he broke his leg at Huddersfield — the injury which kept him out of Manchester City's Cup Final last season. He had five operations on that leg, but never despaired.

Now he is back in Manchester City's reserve team, showing all his old skill and fight for the club. It is wonderful to see him, and there is nothing more certain than that Johnny Hart will be available for selection in this year's Final, if required.

Frankly I think it is a tribute to his courage that he is playing at all — now he is a possible for Wembley.

At this stage no one — least of all Johnny Hart — would like to see the lads who have carried the club so far miss the Final. But if Johnny does come into the team for one reason or another, it will be a wonderful story of a man who just refused to accept defeat.

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What's best in Kowloon?



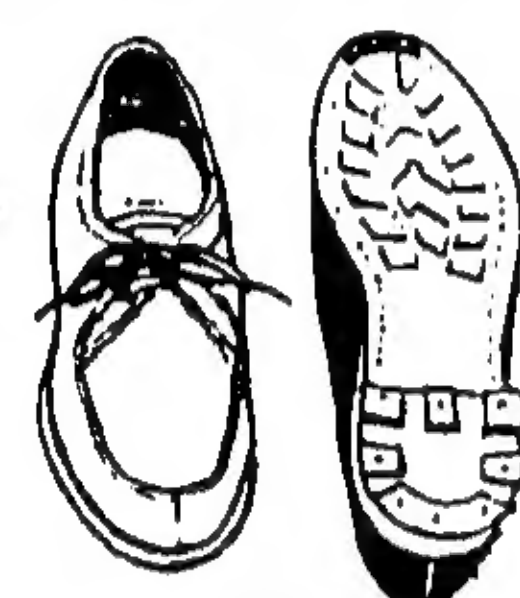
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The road will be 18 feet wide, with 5 foot grass verges and 5' 6" side drains and will have a seal and wearing coat of bitumen emulsion and chippings on a crusher run basecourse with an average thickness of 8" placed on a compacted subgrade.

The contract will include felling and clearing of all trees and undergrowth for a width of 100 ft; earthworks, drainage and culverts; quarrying, crushing and spreading of stone; consolidation and application of bitumen. It will also cover the design and construction of temporary bridging to be handed over on completion of Contract Sections with a useful life of 6 years for public traffic. Permanent bridging does not form part of the contract.

Draft contract documents and typical plans will be available for inspection at the office of

The Director of Public Works, Hong Kong.

Contractors who are interested and who, after inspection of the draft documents and plans etc., are prepared, if invited, to tender should apply in writing to the Director of Public Works, Kuching, Sarawak, not later than April 30th 1956 with full particulars of their organization and resources and of any large works recently undertaken.

One of the Conditions of tender is that a site inspection of the road trace shall be made. It is anticipated that tenders will be called for submission in mid-August 1956 to the Government of Sarawak. Tenderers will be required to hold their tenders open for three months. The successful tenderer will be required to start work on site by March 1957.

Harry Odell says

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Notice is hereby given that the Thirtieth Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders of the Hongkong Engineering & Construction Co., Ltd. will be held at St. George's Building, Chater Road, 2nd floor, Hong Kong, on Thursday, the 20th day of April, 1956, at 12.00 Noon, to receive the Directors' Report and the Statement of Accounts, to declare a dividend and to transact the ordinary business of the Company.

The Share Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 5th April to 20th April, 1956, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
ERNEST SAHMET,
 Secretary.

Hongkong, 27th Mar. 1956.

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"That it is desirable to capitalise a sum of \$2,000,000 being the Reserve for Building Development and that accordingly a special capital bonus of \$2,000,000, free of income tax, be declared and that such bonus be applied on behalf of the persons who on Thursday, the 20th day of April, 1956, are holders of the 1,000,000 fully paid-up issued shares of the Company in payment in full for 1,000,000 new shares of the Company of \$2 each, and that such 1,000,000 new shares credited as fully paid be accordingly allotted to such persons respectively in the proportion of one such new share for every issued share then held by such persons respectively, and that the shares so allotted shall be treated for all purposes as an increase of the nominal amount of the capital of the Company held by each shareholder and not as income and further that such new shares shall as from the 1st day of January, 1956, rank for dividend and in all other respects pari passu with the already issued shares."

AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the Share Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 5th April to 26th April, 1956, both days inclusive.

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WESTERN INFLUENCE DIES HARD IN BUDAPEST

By JOHN EARLE

Budapest, Apr. 2.

Western influence dies hard among the 1,800,000 inhabitants of Budapest, once the twin jewel of the Hapsburg crown and now containing perhaps the biggest conglomeration of "bourgeois" left in the Soviet bloc.

A traveller arriving from another Communist country might think at first that he had strayed into Western Europe.

Among a middle-class looking crowd in the street, he may even meet some old gentlemen wearing bowler hats, while with young people narrow, American-style bow ties are popular.

Shaw and Schiller are popular names on this winter's hand-bills. Among contemporaries, names like Sartre, Marcel Pagnol, and Eduardo de Filippo more than hold their own with Soviet writers.

No Illusion

In the cinemas, Soviet and other East European films are unavoidably much more common than Western films because of East-West trade conditions. One film from the West, which recently ran to packed houses, was "The Million Pound Note" with Gregory Peck.

No Jitterbugging

Cafes—called by the Italian name "espresso"—restaurants and night clubs are well frequented by people listening either to traditional Hungarian gypsy music or Western dance tunes from both North and Latin America.

A line, however, is drawn at jitterbugging. If a couple starts doing it, they will probably be asked politely by the band leader to leave the dance floor.

Foreign residents told me that party members and their families, just as much as "reactionaries," like to appear well-dressed in public places. It is not here a sign of pro-regime sympathies, as in some Communist countries, for a man to appear in public unshaven and without a tie.

Black Tie

When going to the opera, both men and women wear dark suits. One of the latest fashions introduced in recent months from the West is for women to wear long strings of artificial pearls knotted and dangling in front.

The opera collective gave a big ball in February to which guests were asked to come in black ties and evening dress. The repertoire of the opera is based on Verdi, Mozart, Puccini, Bizet and other popular Western European composers. Few Russian operas are performed here.

It is the same with the theatre, where Shakespeare,

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Demonstrators Wreck Bus In Athens



Demonstrators during Independence Day celebrations in Athens are pictured throwing stones and breaking the windows of a British-owned bus. Students began the trouble and were dispersed by a police baton-charge. Several arrests were made. Elsewhere in the Greek capital troops guarded barbed-wire barricades erected around the British and Turkish Embassies—in case of demonstrations over the Cyprus situation.—Express Photo.

Wives 'Steal' Husbands' Motorcars

Melbourne, Apr. 2.
 Twice in two days police in Mildura searched for a "stolen" car that was not stolen.

On the first occasion an architect parked his car on a taxi rank while he went into a telephone booth to make a call.

His wife was asked to move the car. She slipped the keys from her husband's pocket while he talked, moved the car, and slipped the keys back in the husband's pocket—without his knowing.

TOLD POLICE

When the architect returned to the parking place the car was gone and he told police.

He joined the police in their search until hours later the mix-up was discovered.

The next day another search was set under way in Mildura when a business man went to get his parked car and found it gone.

He found out later that his wife had wanted the car and had taken the keys from his office desk while he was out.—China Mail Special.

Physicist Deplores Bad Use Of Science

Paris, Apr. 2.

French physicist and Nobel Prize winner Frederic Joliot-Curie said here today the destructive possibilities of modern weapons showed the bad use of science which all scientists should oppose.

He was speaking in a message to the Peking meeting tomorrow of the Executive Council of the World Federation of Scientific Workers, which has its headquarters in London.

Professor Curie, in the message quoted by the Federation's Paris office, said: "The terrible destructive possibilities of modern arms clearly show the bad use of science which all scientists must oppose."

But, he said, "how could scientists complain of lack of reaction by their fellow-citizens to the immense dangers of a modern war if they have not given in time all the elements for appreciation which they alone can supply."

Professor Curie was head of the French Atomic Energy Commission for four years, but was relieved of his post in 1950 after telling a French Communist Party congress "progressive scientists, Communist scientists will never give a bit of their science to make war against the Soviet Union."

His wife, physicist and Nobel prize winner Irene Joliot-Curie who died last month, was made president of the World Federation of Scientific Workers during a visit to Budapest in 1953.

In his message to the Peking meeting, which presided over by Professor C. Powell, is mainly devoted to celebrating the Federation's tenth anniversary. Professor Curie said: "It is not enough to fight to stop science being used for destruction. One must also fight in order that the rich possibilities of progress be immediately put into effect."

Professor Curie said last year's Geneva atom conference had

shown how much progress had been made towards abolition of secrecy in science, against which the world federation had long fought.

But, he said, "everything is far from being settled in this sphere, and though we have a right to rejoice that there was a Chinese scientist among observers at the Geneva conference, we can only deplore that the Chinese Government was not asked to send its official representatives."—Reuter.

London, Apr. 2.
 The Gothic Cathedral in Poznan, one of Poland's oldest churches, will be reopened for public worship this June, the Polish news agency PAP reported.

The cathedral was badly damaged during the final stages of the war. Rebuilding is now nearing completion, the agency added.—China Mail Special.

RED GIFTS FOR KABUL

New Delhi, Apr. 2.

The Soviet Ambassador in Afghanistan has presented 15 buses, 77 cases of spare parts and 704 cases of hospital equipment to Afghanistan's capital, Kabul, the Afghan Embassy announced here today.

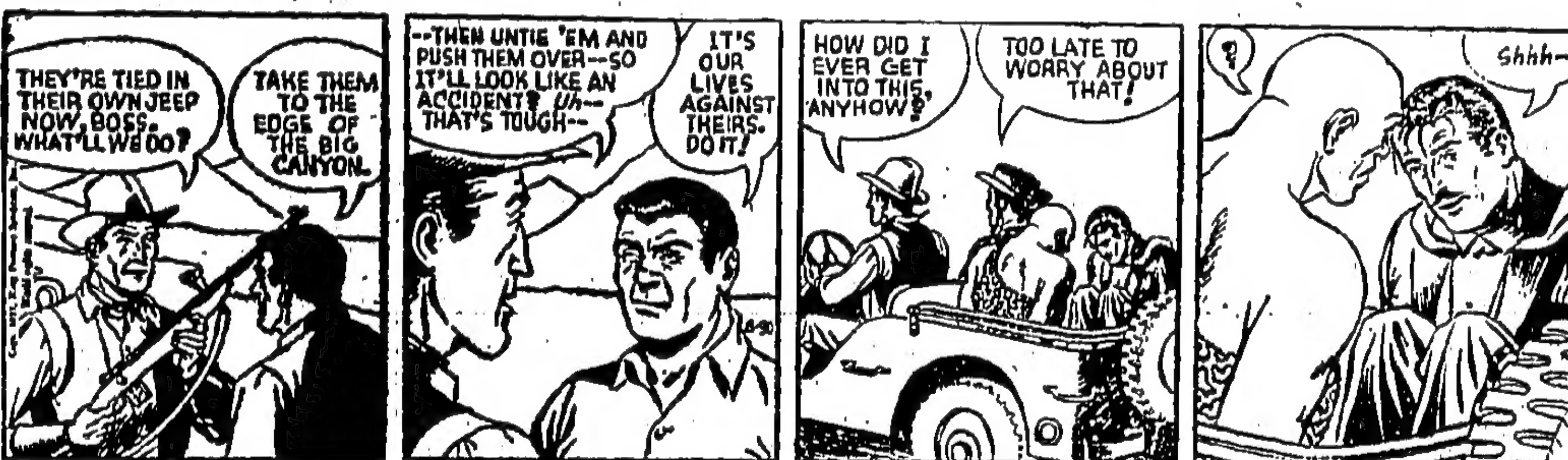
Marshal Nikolai Bulganin, the Soviet Premier, promised the equipment during his Kabul visit last December.—Reuter.

HIGH TAXATION HITS TOASTS

Copenhagen, Apr. 2.
 Sales of snaps, in which Danes make their traditional "skol" toasts, fell by 12 per cent in 1955 from about 4,500,000 bottles to 4,000,000 bottles. The reason, too high taxes.—China Mail Special.

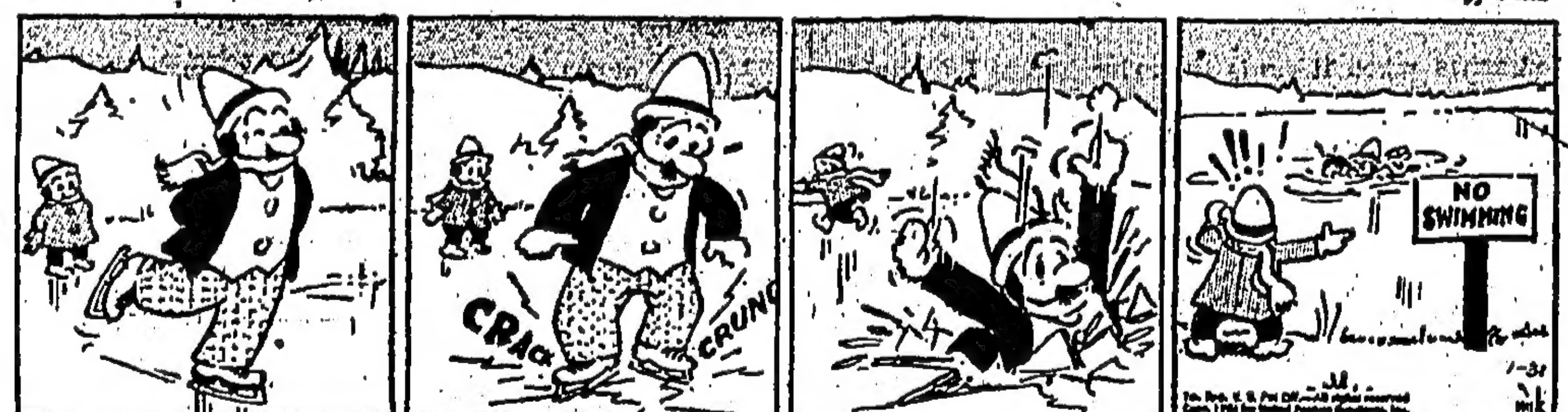
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JOHN CLARKE'S CASEBOOK

Order Of The Bath

A LEAN, tall man, with a shock of grey hair and a hunger-hollowed cheek, approached the counter of the Labour Exchange.

His name was Tom. He said: "Could you let me have something—just something to eat? A meal with, and a bed?"

The clerk checked through Tom's papers and found he was not entitled to be given any money.

"Here," he said, "I'll give you this." He handed Tom a ticket of admission to a reception centre.

Reception centre is the modern polite term for a work-house.

"GET STRIPPED" TOM trudged off and at last reached the reception centre. He felt terrible. Fierce aches shot across his back and down his arms.

"No bath, no bed!" "If you have a bath and come out alive, you'll know it's all right," said the porter with heavy humour.

"I'm not taking my clothes off."

"No bath, no bed," said the porter. Slowly, Tom turned and left, and set out on the long walk back to the Labour Exchange.

There he told them what had happened. "Sorry, there's nothing we can do about that," he was told.

Tom saw red then. He picked up a chair and laid about the windows with it, doing £4 worth of damage before he was held.

AT THE Clerkwell court, Tom pleaded guilty to willfully damaging the Labour Exchange. The story of the threatened bath was told.

"I'm still feverish," Tom said. The magistrate, Mr. Frank Powell, nodded and looked at him with sympathy. He asked a probation officer to check the facts.

"If they did insist on his having a bath when he had influenza, it does sound hardly reasonable," he said.

Courts Quashes Sentence

Washington, Apr. 2. The US Supreme Court today quashed the 20-year sentence passed on American Communist leader Steve Nelson by a Pennsylvania State court under a state law for the repression of sedition against the Federal Government.

The decision was taken by a six-three majority.

The Supreme Court also confirmed an earlier decision of the Pennsylvania State Supreme Court which had decided that the Federal "Smith Law" replaced the State law on the repression of sedition against the Federal Government.

Pennsylvania State had appealed against that decision to the United States Supreme Court.—France-Press.

OUR AUSTRALIAN NEWSLETTER

WHY DID FADDEN KEEP RIGHT OUT OF THE PICTURE?

FROM H. KING WOOD

Sydney, Mar. 27.

People who are now paying 2½d extra for their glass of beer, 4d extra for the packet of cigarettes and stiff sales tax increases on lines that are really every-day necessities rather than luxuries (razor blades and lipstick, for example), are asking where Treasurer Sir Arthur Fadden entered into the picture as far as the latest tax bite is concerned.

Not only did the Prime Minister, Mr. Menzies, announce that the country had inflation illness and give the causes leading up to it, but he also went on to prescribe the tax medicine that would allegedly cure it.

Most observers believed that he would certainly carry out the first part of the programme and then, if only to escape the unpleasant publicity of himself announcing the extra taxes, have handed over to the Commonwealth Treasurer to give the details.

But Sir Arthur wasn't mentioned nor has he in any way supported the taxes since they have been announced.

One of the first repercussions of the tightening up is the announcement that Great Universal Stores—"Gussies"—of Britain, has halted negotiations to immediately enter the chain store war in this country.

The complete reason is that Gussies could not handle the heavy economic restrictions recently imposed in Britain and at the same time cope with a minor crisis in Australia.

But this huge British organisation which also has wide interests in South Africa and Canada, has not thrown in the sponge. Great Universal Stores (Aust) Ltd., was registered in Melbourne last week with £2,000 quoted as initial capital.

There will be no big scale moves in the near future.

PEP TALK

In NSW the new State Cabinet has got cracking following a pep talk from Premier Joe Cahill. At the meeting of the new team the Premier reviewed the economic position and told his Ministers that there was need for "various economies".

He told the boys to examine criticism of their departments and not ignore it. He told them he did not expect everything to be done overnight, but urged them to get down to hard work.

Which is all very good. As far as criticism of departments is concerned, they will have plenty of examining to do if they carry out the boss's orders—especially the Transport Department whose way of making three labourers to do some fencing on a Saturday morning. They had to pay penalty rates which amounted to £2.50 a man for three hours work—£16.10.

Those three men in three hours dug two post holes each four feet deep. £2.50 a hole and about 100 had to be dug to complete the fence.

NOT SURPRISING

The fact that Victorians voted overwhelmingly to retain 6 p.m. closing of hotels in that State did not surprise anyone greatly for Victorians are hard to shake out of any established groove.

It is not very surprising, if their demands are not. Generally speaking, 10 o'clock closing has not been successful. It has got the blame for our rising road toll, but there are no facts to back it up; it has been blamed for taking young people away from their homes at night, but again there are no facts to prove that more young people are going out at night now, or if they are they are going to hotels.

What it has done is to lead to better hotel amenities and certainly more comfortable drinking. General opinion is that 10 a.m. closing is now accepted. In this State and any referendum on the question would give it a far more satisfactory majority than its close victory in the first vote.

A SLATING

When a politician starts slating Governments, particularly when he makes no distinction between his own and the opposition, it is refreshing and Liberal Senator J. A. MacCallum is one politician who can do the job extremely well.

Opening the debate on the report of the select committee of Senators, of which he was chairman, which investigated Canberra's development, he said that Government departments had "dithered, dithered and dithered".

SKI LIFT ACCIDENT

Graz, Apr. 2.

One person was killed and four others were seriously injured today in an accident on the Goetting-Plabutsch ski lift in Austria's Styrian Alps.

The accident occurred when the lift, moving at an excessive speed, sent some empty seats into a horizontal position, hitting four persons who were walking to get aboard.

When the emergency brake was pulled, abruptly halting the lift, one of the passengers was hurt from his seat. He fell 40 feet. He died shortly afterwards from injuries.—France-Press.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"I'm on a diet and I couldn't have eaten another bite—but wasn't that a skimpy lunch she served us?"

NEW SAFETY AID FOR JET PLANES

New York, Apr. 2.

The Sperry Gyroscope Co. today announced development of a revolutionary electronic system providing automatic, "split-second" control of commercial jet airliners which are expected to take to the airways in the United States in two years.

The system, developed over an eight-year period, is designed for jet aircraft flying at speeds ranging from 100 miles per hour to the speed of sound, 760 miles an hour.

While the pilot monitors the flight through Sperry's integrated "pictorial" instruments, simplified radio beam-coupling equipment "ties" the control system to radio station facilities for automatic navigation.

The system, called the SP-30, contains a safety monitor which guards against "wrong signals." The monitor automatically disengages the system before the aircraft can respond to an erroneous signal.

Officials said the likelihood of "missed approaches" to runways in bad weather would be reduced by a special safety monitor and the beam-coupling equipment.

The system also has a "practically no-drift" gyro to insure automatic, pinpoint navigation even in normal hazardous Polar regions.

A three-position switch engages the flight system. One position provides full, automatic control and another engages only control dampers in the rudder, elevator and aileron mechanisms to aid the pilot in manual flight.—United Press.

TRESPASSED IN POLICE STATION

For trespassing in the Central Police station, Leo Wing, 28, was fined \$30 or seven days by Mr. Hin-shing Lo at Central this morning.

Insp. K. N. McLeod said Leo was seen yesterday going through a corridor leading to the juvenile cells at Central Police Station without reporting to the Inspector on Duty. After being warned, he was seen going to the cells a little later. He was then charged.

REMANDED FOR REPORT

Lai Wing-chai, 17, was remanded by Mr. Hin-shing Lo at Central this morning for a week for a report from the Commissioner of Prisons as to the suitability of his receiving training at the Stanley Training Centre.

Lai had pleaded guilty to a charge of stabbing his step-mother, Cheng Lai-fong, 39, during an argument at a coppers' stall in Robinson Road on March 24.

Charged with possession of 39 packets of heroin, Mak Kien-wing, 24, was remanded for two days by Mr. J. E. Durling at Central this morning. He was allowed bail of \$1,000.

Science Defeating Cancer

New York, Apr. 2.

A nine-year-old Boston boy is about to enter his seventh year of scientific proof that science is going to conquer cancer.

Six and a half years ago, doctors said this child had, at worst, six months to live because he had acute leukaemia. He still has acute leukaemia, yet he is healthy and flourishing.

It is a record. And also a dumbfounding, seeming miracle. But there is clear-cut cause and effect. Science is interfering successfully with the "food" of his cancerous cells. So he "lives with" cancer.

Dr. Charles Cameron, medical and scientific director of the American Cancer Society, said science was working out the ways by which people's own day would live with cancer for as long as they would have lived without cancer.

He pointed to the discovery of insulin. With insulin people live with diabetes; without insulin, they would die of diabetes. The Boston boy is living because of aminopterin, a man-made chemical that interferes with the use of folic acid by leukaemic cells.—United Press.

Boy Sent To Training Centre

A 14-year-old boy, found guilty of stealing \$182 and two fountain pens, was ordered to be sent to the Stanley Training Centre by Mr. I. T. Morris at Kowloon Juvenile Court this morning.

Mr. Morris told the boy's mother that she could visit her son at the Centre, but the length of her son's detention there would depend on his progress.

The boy had a previous conviction for embezzlement for which he was sentenced to three months in the Juvenile Remand Home last September.

A GRANDMOTHER BECOMES PILOT

Mrs. I. M. Bridges, 62-year-old grandmother, was given a flying test here on Thursday, has become a fully-fledged air pilot.

"She came through with flying colours," her instructor said.

Mrs. Bridges, reported to be the only person in South Africa to have secured a pilot's licence at that age, handles a plane at that "remarkably well," according to Pretoria flying men.—China Mail Special.

General Motors Chief Resigns

New York, Apr. 3. Mr. Alfred P. Sloan, president of the board of directors of the General Motors Company, yesterday resigned his post.

The company's vice-president, Mr. Albert Bradley, was elected to replace Mr. Sloan.—France-Press.

Shot Man Appeals Against Conviction

A man convicted of robbing a Police inspector, who shot and wounded him as he allegedly tried to escape, continued his appeal against conviction before the Full Court this morning.

The appellant, Choi Chi-kong, alias Mer Tsai, was found guilty last December at the Criminal Sessions of robbing Sub-Inspector K. H. Wheeler in the Western District last year.

Mr. Justice J. Wicks and Mr. Justice E. Reynolds comprise the Full Court.

Appellant is represented by Mr. Brook Bernacchi, instructed by Mr. P. D. A. Remedios. Mr. W. S. Collier, Crown Counsel, represents the Crown.

The grounds of appeal are that in a summing up, otherwise favourable to the appellant, the Trial Judge misdirected the Jury or failed to direct them as to the law relating to robbery; and that the Judge, in outlining the facts to the Jury, failed to point out two most material matters favourable to the appellant—that neither the Inspector nor the Police corporal who also gave evidence could have seen the man they were chasing the whole time and that the corporal deliberately changed his evidence as to the position in which the appellant was lying after he had heard the appellant's evidence before the Magistrate as to how he came to be shot.

Other grounds of appeal are that the decision of the Jury was unreasonable or could not be supported with regard to the evidence; that the fact that the Jury acquitted a second accused (Yung Chai-ling) showed they were not prepared to accept the evidence of the Inspector and the corporal in relation to that accused, and that therefore the Jury should not have been satisfied beyond reasonable doubt of the guilt of the appellant, who was the first to be charged depending as it did on the evidence of the same two witnesses.

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TUESDAY, APRIL 3
By Air
Philippines, North Borneo, 6 p.m.
Thailand, India, Pakistan, Middle East, Great Britain and Europe, 6 p.m.
Canada, 6 p.m.
Laos, 6 p.m.
By Surface
Macao, 6 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4
By Air
Japan, 8 a.m.
S.S.A., 8 a.m.
Philippines, North Borneo, 6 p.m.
Thailand, India, Pakistan, Middle East, Great Britain and Europe, 6 p.m.
Canada, 6 p.m.
Laos, 6 p.m.
By Surface
Macao, 6 p.m.

THURSDAY, APRIL 5
By Air
Hawaii, 8 a.m.
Japan, 8 a.m.
Peking, Shanghai, Hankow, 10 a.m.
Indo-China, France, 11 a.m.
Thailand, Burma, Ceylon, Germany, Great Britain, 1 p.m.
Philippines, 6 p.m.
Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain and Europe, 6 p.m.

FRIDAY, APRIL 6
By Air
Hawaii, 8 a.m.
Japan, 8 a.m.
Peking, Shanghai, Hankow, 10 a.m.
Indo-China, France, 11 a.m.
Thailand, Burma, Ceylon, Germany, Great Britain, 1 p.m.
Philippines, 6 p.m.
Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain and Europe, 6 p.m.

SATURDAY, APRIL 7
By Air
Hawaii, 8 a.m.
Japan, 8 a.m.
Peking, Shanghai, Hankow, 10 a.m.
Indo-China, France, 11 a.m.
Thailand, Burma, Ceylon, Germany, Great Britain, 1 p.m.
Philippines, 6 p.m.
Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain and Europe, 6 p.m.

SUNDAY, APRIL 8
By Air
Hawaii, 8 a.m.
Japan, 8 a.m.
Peking, Shanghai, Hankow, 10 a.m.
Indo-China, France, 11 a.m.
Thailand, Burma, Ceylon, Germany, Great Britain, 1 p.m.
Philippines, 6 p.m.
Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain and Europe, 6 p.m.

MONDAY, APRIL 9
By Air
Hawaii, 8 a.m.
Japan, 8 a.m.
Peking, Shanghai, Hankow, 10 a.m.
Indo-China, France, 11 a.m.
Thailand, Burma, Ceylon, Germany, Great Britain, 1 p.m.
Philippines, 6 p.m.
Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain and Europe, 6 p.m.

TUESDAY, APRIL 10
By Air
Hawaii, 8 a.m.
Japan, 8 a.m.
Peking, Shanghai, Hankow, 10 a.m.
Indo-China, France, 11 a.m.
Thailand, Burma, Ceylon, Germany, Great Britain, 1 p.m.
Philippines, 6 p.m.
Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain and Europe, 6 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11
By Air
Hawaii, 8 a.m.
Japan, 8 a.m.
Peking, Shanghai, Hankow, 10 a.m.
Indo-China, France, 11 a.m.
Thailand, Burma, Ceylon, Germany, Great Britain, 1 p.m.
Philippines, 6 p.m.
Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain and Europe, 6 p.m.

THURSDAY, APRIL 12
By Air
Hawaii, 8 a.m.
Japan, 8 a.m.
Peking, Shanghai, Hankow, 10 a.m.
Indo-China, France, 11 a.m.
Thailand, Burma, Ceylon, Germany, Great Britain, 1 p.m.
Philippines, 6 p.m.
Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain and Europe, 6 p.m.

FRIDAY, APRIL 13
By Air
Hawaii, 8 a.m.
Japan, 8 a.m.
Peking, Shanghai, Hankow, 10 a.m.
Indo-China, France, 11 a.m.
Thailand, Burma, Ceylon, Germany, Great Britain, 1 p.m.
Philippines, 6 p.m.
Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain and Europe, 6 p.m.

SATURDAY, APRIL 14
By Air
Hawaii, 8 a.m.
Japan, 8 a.m.
Peking, Shanghai, Hankow, 10 a.m.
Indo-China, France, 11 a.m.
Thailand, Burma, Ceylon, Germany, Great Britain, 1 p.m.
Philippines, 6 p.m.
Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain and Europe, 6 p.m.

SUNDAY, APRIL 15
By Air
Hawaii, 8 a.m.
Japan, 8 a.m.
Peking, Shanghai, Hankow, 10 a.m.
Indo-China, France, 11 a.m.
Thailand, Burma, Ceylon, Germany, Great Britain, 1 p.m.
Philippines, 6 p.m.
Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain and Europe, 6 p.m.

MONDAY, APRIL 16
By Air
Hawaii, 8 a.m.
Japan, 8 a.m.
Peking, Shanghai, Hankow, 10 a.m.
Indo-China, France, 11 a.m.
Thailand, Burma, Ceylon, Germany, Great Britain, 1 p.m.
Philippines, 6 p.m.
Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain and Europe, 6 p.m.

TUESDAY, APRIL 17
By Air
Hawaii, 8 a.m.
Japan, 8 a.m.
Peking, Shanghai, Hankow, 10 a.m.
Indo-China, France, 11 a.m.
Thailand, Burma, Ceylon, Germany, Great Britain, 1 p.m.
Philippines, 6 p.m.
Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain and Europe, 6 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18
By Air
Hawaii, 8 a.m.
Japan, 8 a.m.
Peking, Shanghai, Hankow, 10 a.m.
Indo-China, France, 11 a.m.
Thailand, Burma, Ceylon, Germany, Great Britain, 1 p.m.
Philippines, 6 p.m.
Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain and Europe, 6 p.m.

THURSDAY, APRIL 19
By Air
Hawaii, 8 a.m.
Japan, 8 a.m.
Peking, Shanghai, Hankow, 10 a.m.
Indo-China, France, 11 a.m.
Thailand, Burma, Ceylon, Germany, Great Britain, 1 p.m.
Philippines, 6 p.m.
Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain and Europe, 6 p.m.

FRIDAY, APRIL 20
By Air
Hawaii, 8 a.m.
Japan, 8 a.m.
Peking, Shanghai, Hankow, 10 a.m.
Indo-China, France, 11 a.m.
Thailand, Burma, Ceylon, Germany, Great Britain, 1 p.m.
Philippines, 6 p.m.
Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain and Europe, 6 p.m.

SATURDAY, APRIL 21
By Air
Hawaii, 8 a.m.
Japan, 8 a.m.
Peking, Shanghai, Hankow, 10 a.m.
Indo-China, France, 11 a.m.
Thailand, Burma, Ceylon, Germany, Great Britain, 1 p.m.
Philippines, 6 p.m.
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